

Ava Trzebiatowski - Hickory Ridge High School

Good [morning/afternoon], everyone! Family, friends, faculty, staff, and most importantly the class of 2026.

My name is Ava Trzebiatowski, your senior class president. It's now my honor to introduce the distinguished guests for the graduation ceremony.....

Board of Education

- Rob Walter - Board Chair
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- Shannon Lancaster
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- Karl Sain - Chief Information Technology Officer
- Dustin Shoe - Chief of Staff
- Dr. Michael Williams - Chief Human Resources Officer

Some of us were Harrisburg Stingers, some of us were Patriots, most of us were Mavericks, but we all graduate today as Bulls.

We've been through so much together. From the first day we stepped foot on this campus to this very moment, we've shared experiences that have shaped us into who we are today. We've missed Charleston and DC middle school trips and we've spent most of our middle school online because of Covid, but that didn't stop us from connecting. When we reunited in high school we had our first pep

rally in years. We went to football games and school dances, making each of these moments unforgettable.

Each of us has taken a different path to get here, but that's what makes today so powerful. We are all involved in different clubs, sports, and extracurriculars. We're all individuals, with unique talents, dreams, and goals. Some of us will continue our education, some will dive into the workforce, and some will travel down roads we haven't even thought of yet. Whatever path we take next, we carry with us the lessons, the friendships, and the pride of everything we've achieved together as Bulls. Today that journey doesn't end, it's just the beginning.

None of this would have been possible without the support of those who have stood by our side. To our parents and families, thank you. You've cheered us on, picked us up when we were down, and believed in us even when we didn't believe in ourselves. Your love and encouragement have been the foundation of our success.

To our teachers, thank you for challenging us, inspiring us, and helping us see our potential. You've made a lasting impact on our lives, and your guidance will stay with us long after we leave these halls.

To our coaches and all the staff members who've made this experience unforgettable, we're so grateful for your time, dedication, and unwavering belief in us. You've helped shape us into the people we are, and we'll always remember the lessons you've taught us.

And finally, to my fellow graduates, thank you for making this journey unforgettable. We've shared something special that no one else will ever fully understand. You have given me unwavering support, kindness, and joy. You are the reason I am standing up here today. It's been an honor to stand beside all of you through this adventure.

As we take our next steps, remember: we are not defined by the future, but by the journey that brought us here. So let's walk forward with the same pride, determination, and optimism that got us to this day.

Congratulations class of 2026! And for one last time... **Go Bulls!**