

Low Lynn Hobbs

I
have attained a goal
in my life.
It is with a sense of
accomplishment I celebrate
My Graduation
from De Will High School
Wednesday evening, June tenth
Nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

I treasure the privilege
of being able to share
my joy of achievement
with you.

De Will High School

7:30 p. m.

DE WITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMENCEMENT 1983



Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, I would like to welcome the family and friends of the 1983 graduates of DeWitt High School.

Tonight we are here to honor the seniors who have traveled a road for thirteen years to finally arrive at their destination. Congratulations goes out to each of them on this auspicious occasion. Also, a special thanks goes out to the parents who have guided their lives and helped them on their successful journey.

After tonight seniors, you are about to start on another journey through life. The destination may not always be clear or visible. To help you on this journey I leave you with the following words written by Fred Lawton —

Ask yourself these questions:

How do you act when the pressure's on,
When the chance for victory's almost gone,
When fortune's star has refused to shine,
When the ball is on your five yard line?

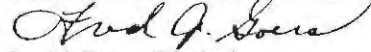
How do you act when the going's rough,
Does your spirit lag when breaks are tough?
Or, is there in you a flame that glows
Brighter as fiercer the battles grows?

How hard, how long, will you fight the foe?
That's what the world would like to know!
Cowards can fight when they're out ahead!
But the uphill grind shows a thoroughbred!

If you wish for success — then tell me, son —

What are you going to do now when the pressure is on?

Best of luck in the future to the class of 1983.



Fred J. Goers, Principal

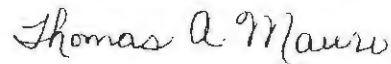
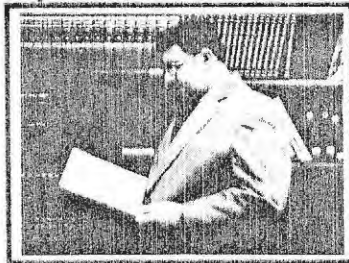


Good Luck

Dear Graduates,

Being your adviser for two years has been a very rewarding experience for me. During these years, I've seen the Class of '83 show great leadership in your academic achievements, in your sports activities and in your extracurricular pursuits. You have set a very high standard of

excellence for future graduating classes to pursue. I hope that these experiences will stay with you in your adult life and help you become worthwhile citizens in all phases of American life!



Commencement Exercises DeWitt High School June 7, 1983

*Processional DeWitt High School Band
Jeff Kressler, *Conductor*

*Invocation The Rev. David Stotenbur
St. Judes Catholic Church

Student Address
Michael Peterson
Student Council President

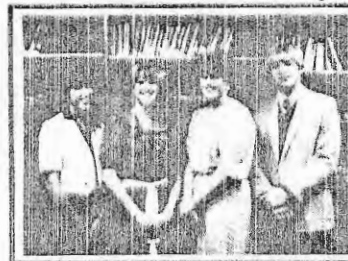


Salutatory Address
Dawn Roberts



Band Selection DeWitt High School Band

Student Address
Class Officers
Lana Becher, *President*
Jim Brown, *Vice President*
Jodi Fitzgerald, *Secretary*
Tami Noyce, *Treasurer*



Valedictory Address
Gary McGovney



Presentation of Class
Steven Garrett
Superintendent

Presentation of Diplomas Board of Education

***Benediction** The Rev. David Stotenbur

***Recessional** DeWitt High School Band

**Audience Please Stand*



1983 Graduates

Jennifer Lynn Abbey
 Edward Matthew Abbott
 Gregory Lee Alexis
 Cheryl Lynn Angwin
 Jeffrey L. Backus
 Janet Ann Bailey
 Stacey Lynn Ballard
 Gary W. Barnard
 Kristen Jill Bauer
 Lana Sue Becher
 †Rebecca Jean Beckwith
 *†Gregory Todd Birgy
 Jeffrey Thomas Bordui
 Shelly Lyn Bower
 James Dean Brown, Jr.
 Joseph Wendell Brown
 *†Kristen Karen Brown
 Kathy Kay Brubacher
 Tracy Lynne Butler
 Tammy Kay Carrigan
 Stephen Albert Cassada
 William Clay Childress
 Jeffrey Randolph Clark
 Brian Douglas Cowan
 Samuel B. Dalman
 Karen Lisa Davis
 Traci Joy Davis
 Raye-Lynn Decker
 Steven Robert Deines
 Julie Ann Deline
 Jennifer Lynn DeWitt
 Gary Lee Dillingham
 Kimberly Lynne Dioszegi
 †Jeffrey Joe Donders
 Michele Marie Droste
 Doris Ann Ely
 Merre Faye Ely
 Alison Jo Embs
 James Joseph Farhat
 Jane Paulette Felzke
 Deborah Jon Fischer
 †Jodi Ann Fitzgerald

Theodore James Flynn
 Michael Andrew Fritsch
 Tamara Jo Gantz
 Jeffrey Kurt Garlock
 Karlyn Lorraine Gartside
 Thomas Anthony Gilbert
 Jodi Lynn Gower
 Steven K. Grendys
 †Debra Jean Hammon
 Daniel F. Hasselbach
 Melissa Dee Hawk
 Michelle Ann Heeringa
 Thomas A. Hefty
 Keri Beth Henning
 Thomas Dean Henning
 Quentin K. Higbie
 Karen Kaye Hollandsworth
 Lisa Ann Hovde
 Craig Lee Hummel
 Jeffrey John Hunt
 *†Elizabeth Ann Ives
 Mary Ellen Jensen
 Susan Jean Johnson
 Tom R. Johnstone
 Scott Robert Jubeck
 William Edward Kalush
 Wendy Ellyn Kolly
 Robert Karl Krig
 *†Becky Jo Kleuckling
 †Richard Anthony Knapp
 †Jeffrey Alan Koets
 Thomas Alan Kolberg
 Julie Kay Koski
 †Cheryl Lyn Kuzma
 Julie Kincaide Lawry
 Phillip Lee Lennemann
 Kristin Dee Leonard
 Teri Louise Libera
 Jean Marie Liebrecht
 Mark Alan Lotre
 Ronald James Lyon
 Edward Patrick McCrackin
 *†Gary Neil McGovney
 †Keli Lynn Maloske
 John Matthew Mandrick
 William Edgar Mathews, Jr.
 Edward Sebastian Mills
 Patricia Lynn Mollitor

Michael Nelson Morin
 Paula Joan Nachazel
 Tamara Jan Noyce
 Brian Leroy Oberlin
 Kimberly Ann Olney
 †Debra Kaye Olson
 Andrea Kay Ouderkirk
 John Austin Pardee
 Linda Marie Pearson
 Michelle Maxine Pearson
 Alexandria Perreault
 *†Michael Eric Peterson
 David Robert Pettit
 Rachelle Ann Pierson
 Melisa Marie Porterfield
 Kimberly Sue Price
 Garrick A. Puffer
 Kenneth L. Rajala
 Carol D. Reed
 Gena Marie Renz
 *†Kelly Lynn Ritter
 *†Dawn Marie Roberts
 Shelly Marie Roberts
 Andrew Mark Roman
 *†Susan Lynn Roseberry
 *†Kurtis John Schieding
 Brian Joseph Schmitt
 Alan Graham Searles
 James Thomas Seegraves
 Nicholas James Seifert
 L. Scott Sheets
 Robin Anne Shern
 Joseph Aloysius Shooltz
 †Robin Renee Sillman
 Mary Ann Simon
 Karen Jean Sites
 Grant Richard Smith
 Mark Allen Smith
 Steve Joseph Sontich
 Joseph Michael Stantis
 Jill Marie Stauffer
 Jon Scott Stenberg
 Robert Ike Stevens
 Randall Jay Strandquist
 Gregory Scot Tahvonen
 Melissa Rae Tarrant
 Chanin Jill Thiel
 Charles John Thiel

†Jeffrey Todd Thompson
 Tori-Lee Twitchell
 †Ricky Lee Volkers
 Sandra Kay Warmington
 Brian Ernest Webb
 Sandra Lynn White
 Tamela Sue White
 Eric Joseph Wiefelrich
 Kelly Marie Willson
 Tammy Teresa Wiltshire

Early Graduates
 Michael J. Lavey
 Deborah J. Strayer

*Top Ten Academic Students
 †National Honor Society

Class Colors

Light Blue
Dark Blue

Class Flower

Red Rose

Class Song

"We've Only Just Begun"

Class Motto

*If you have built castles in the air,
 your work need not be lost: That is
 where they should be. Now put the
 foundations under them.*

Processional Marshalls

Tim Toune
Barb Trierweiler

Board of Education

Roberta McConnell, *President*
 Richard Smeage, *V. President*
 Diane Cranmer, *Secretary*
 Thomas Kamppinen, *Treasurer*
 Kenneth Price, *Trustee*
 Carol Haag, *Trustee*
 William Schaar, *Trustee*



Administration

Steve Garrett, *Superintendent*
 Fred J. Goers, *High School Principal*
 Ronald Mead, *Asst. High School Principal*
 Earl Roseberry, *Middle School Principal*
 Donald Powell, *Elementary Principal*

Abbey, William
 Baird, Larry
 Blumberg, John
 Boutwell, Carlton
 Bright, Bruce
 Brown, Barbara
 Bukovinsky, Olivera
 Cornell, Sonja
 Deak, Frank
 Filonow, Marilyn
 Gardner, Julie
 Hancock, Debbie
 Hawkins, Richard
 Hedlund, Judy
 Johnson, Joanne
 Keevan, Michael
 Kloenhamer, Barry
 Kressler, Caroline
 Kressler, Jeffrey
 Kutchins, Elaine

High School

Mauro, Thomas
 Rushcamp, William
 Rypstra, Penny
 Rysberg, Linda
 Sawyer, Thomas
 Servis, Marquis
 Shooks, Wayne
 Soltysiak, Michael
 Thornton, Gailen
 Unger, Ray
 Williams, Margaret
 Zielaskowski, Thomas

Middle School

Arbanas, Lawrence
Brown, Barbara
Carpenter, Jill
Congleton, Leila
Darnell, David
Dojka, Michael
Easlick, Michael

Carr, Donna
Davis, Rafael
DeMelo, Martha
Dolby, Karen
Elliott, Robert
Goff, David
Groves, Judith
Hanes, Eleanor
Harner, Philip
Hedlund, Judith
Hekler, Susan
Hill, Daniel
Holmes, James
Jenkins, Elizabeth
Jones, Diane
Kenny, Laurie
Kressler, Jeffrey
Mader, Kelleen

Ecklund, Linda
Harger, Helen
Hochman, Alice
Jewett, James
Kowalk, Margaret
Kushion, Bruce
Laramie, Sharon
Masacek, Robert
Metcalf, John
Nasrey, Alice
O'Dell, David
Radike, Lydia
Sasse, Donald
Smith, Randolph
Stone, Teresa

Elementary School

Masacek, Robert
McBride, Sally
Missimer, Lucile
Mosher, Maxine
Peppel, Louise
Rea, Marcia
Russell, Thomas
Schaar, Charlene
Tarrant, Sandra
Young, Carol

Athletic Honors

Barnard, Mike Fritsch, Scott Sheets.

Cheerleading — Stacey Ballard, Julie Koski, Shelly Bower, Karlyn Gartside, Keli Maleske, Paula Nachazel, Melissa Porterfield.

Girl's Track — Stacey Ballard, Lana Becher, Kris Leonard, Tami Noyce, Becky Beckwith, Tracy Butler.

Girl's Basketball — Lana Becher, Kris Brown, Kris Leonard, Tami Noyce, Traci Davis.

Volleyball — (District Champs) Lana Becher, Kris Brown, Tami Noyce, Robin Sillman.

Softball — Kris Brown, Keri Henning, Julie Koski, Shelly Roberts.

Boy's Cross Country — (1st Olivet Invitational, 1st Clinton County, DeWitt, Olivet, Mason, Regional, 2nd State) Sam Dalman, Jeff Donders, Brian Webb, Eric Wieferich.

Boy's Basketball — (20-4 Record, District Champs, League Co-Champs) Sam Dalman, Rich Knapp, Mike Morin, Dave Pettit, Jim Seegraves, Steve Sontich, Todd Thompson, Steve Cassada, Tom Gilbert.

Baseball — (League Champs, Diamond Classic Qualifier) Sam Dalman, Dave Pettit, Ken Rajala, Nick Seifert, Steve Sontich, Brian Webb, Eric Wieferich, Scott Jubeck.

Wrestling — (1st DeWitt Invitational, 1st Leslie Invitational, 7th State) Jeff Donders, Jeff Garlock, Craig Hummel, Tom Henning.

Boy's Track — (1st Haslett Invitational, 1st St. Louis, Alma, Clinton County, Haslett, St. Charles, Regional — League Co-Champs) Jeff Donders, Brian Schmitt, Todd Thompson, Mark Lotre, Jon Stenberg.

Girl's Swimming — (9th in State Class "B") Keri Henning, Lynn Decker, Debbie Strayer, Missy Tarrant.

Golf — (League Co-Champs) Rich Knapp, Tom Kolberg.

Boy's Tennis — (Regional Champs, 1st Haslett Invitational) Rich Knapp, Tom Kolberg, Mike Morin, Rick Volkers, Bill Childress, John Mandrick, Joe Stants, Randy Strandquist, Steve Cassada.

Girl's Tennis — Doris Ely, Becky Kleuckling, Teri Libera, Gena Renz, Tori Twitchell.

Michigan State University Award for Academic Excellence — Dawn Roberts, Susan Roseberry, Kelly Ritter.

National Merit Scholarship Finalist Certificate of Merit — Gary M. McGovney.

The University of Michigan Regents-Alumni Scholar — Gary N. McGovney.

Alma College Presidential Scholarship — Jeffrey Alan Koets.

Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship — Jodi Fitzgerald, Kristen K. Brown.

Eastern Michigan University Recognition of Excellence Award — Stephen Cassada, Jennifer Lynn DeWitt.

Concordia Teachers College Academic Scholarship — Gregory Birgy.

DeWitt Education Assn. Ewart Stevens Memorial Scholarship — Jodi Fitzgerald.

Lansing Community College Board of Trustees Business Division Scholarship — Becky Jo Kleuckling.

Lansing Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship — Robin Sillman.

State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program — Jennifer Abbey, Gregory Alexis, Gary Barnard, Rebecca Beckwith, Gregory Birgy, James Brown, Stephen Cassada, Jennifer DeWitt, Jeffrey Donders, Michelle Droste, Merri Ely, Alison Embs, Theodore Flynn, Michael Fritsch, Jodi Gower, Debra Hammon, Michelle Herringa, Elizabeth Ives, William Kalush, Jeffrey Koets, Cheryl Kuzma, Gary McGovney, Patricia Mollitor, Michael Morin, Tamara Noyce, Debra Olson, Andrea Ouderkirk, Michael Peterson, David Pettit, Melissa Porterfield, Kimberly Price, Kelley Ritter, Dawn Roberts, Andrew Roman, Susan Roseberry, Kurtis Scheiding, Alan Searles, Nicholas Seifert, Scott Sheets, Robin Shern, Robin Sillman, Karen Sites, Joseph Stants, Randy Strandquist, Deborah Strayer, Gregory Tahvonen.

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Academic Honors