

Mr. Rucinski, TFN Principal  
**Congrats to our grads**

Congratulations, you are joining 99 years of Thornton Fractional graduates! This is a time for you, your family, and friends to celebrate! You have completed 13 years of school, in which your families, teachers, counselors, and staff members have prepared you for this moment. You now have the opportunity to use everything that you have learned to create your own path in life. Whether you are going on to college, the military, a trade-school, or into the workforce, you have the power and freedom to make your own decisions and carve your own future. To those of you who have been at North all four years, you surely remember starting high school after finishing junior high online due to COVID! You were likely nervous and unsure about coming back to in-person learning and starting high school after being at home for over a year. Since that unique start, I've been extremely impressed with the confidence and maturity you have shown while becoming the young adults you are today. Whether in the classroom, athletics, dance, cheer, plays, musicals, speech or band, I have enjoyed every minute of watching the growth you each have shown throughout these years. Beyond the classroom, athletics, and activities, I will always remember the smiles, jokes, and playfulness that took place in the halls and around the building (and yes, you got me at the Monogram game). As joyous of an occasion as graduating is, the uncertainty of what comes next can seem daunting, especially in our ever-changing world. No matter what, I believe strongly that if you follow your dreams and interests, you will accomplish whatever goals you set for yourself. Life is not about doing what others think you should do; instead, it is about finding what YOU want to do. It is alright if you don't know what you want yet, but my advice is to stay true to yourself, and always treat people fairly. Throughout your high school career, we have stressed four core values: hardworking, caring, responsible, and respectful. They are more than words, they are a blueprint for life. I assure you, if you live by those four values, the sky's the limit and the world will be yours! Again, Congratulations Class of 2025! You did it, and I could not be more proud of you. As our "Comeback Kids" returning from the pandemic, you will always hold a special place in my heart, and I can't wait to hear about all the great things you go on to do!



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## T.F. North celebrates the 101<sup>st</sup> Commencement

Last night, T.F. North hosted graduation for the Class of 2025 in the Purple Gym. The 101st commencement began with a processional while the band directed by Ms. Cheers played "Pomp and Circumstance." Then Class Vice President Josiah Jackson led the crowd in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the T.F. North Men's A Capella Group, directed by Mr. Spakowski, performed "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday." Class President Favor Babatunde then welcomed guests to the ceremony. "Don't be afraid to take risks, step out of your comfort zone, and follow your dreams. Life is too short to not make the most of every chance you get," said Favor Babatunde. After Superintendent Robinzine gave his remarks, Principal Rusinski announced the Academic Top Ten of the Class of 2025 (Precious Agwu, Joselyn Cervantes, Michelle Corral, Nadia Malagon Santoyo, Gabrielle McClain, Stephanie Montiel, Luis Pelayo, Jasmin Ramirez, Francine Scott, and Jennifer Serrano). Principal Rusinski then recognized Valedictorian Jasmin Ramirez and

Salutatorian Francine Scott. They proceeded to the stage, where they then began their speeches. "Our masks are off now, our computers are closed, and our futures are bright. It would be a mistake not to show appreciation to the people that helped us on our journey. We had no blueprint, no map, no right answers to getting through high school, but we did have people that aided us along the way," said Salutatorian Francine Scott. Valedictorian Jasmin Ramirez said, "It feels like just yesterday we were walking into T.F. North for the first time with our masks on. The rest of our lives will move just as fast as these four years of high school." Soon after, the graduates of the Class of 2025 were given their diplomas as they walked one by one across the stage. Finally, as the ceremony ended, the graduates threw their caps in the air in celebration. Afterward, students took pictures with their loved ones and favorite teachers outside the Purple Gym. "It feels amazing. It still doesn't feel real right now, but it will probably settle in later. So I was so excited to graduate," said Mustapha Dawodu.

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- August: 15 Freshman Orientation
- August: 18 First Day of School

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# August 19th

Jasmin Ramirez, Class of 2025

# Valedictory Address

First I wanna take a moment to thank the people who got me to where I am today. My family for the unconditional love and support, my friends for rooting for me every step of the way, and my teachers, Mrs. Galvan and Mr. Mansour, for the endless advice. But I want to give the biggest thank you to my father and my sister. A mi padre, mis logros son los tuyos. Sin tu apoyo y tu amor, no hubiera logrado mis metas o haber superado los obstáculos que han sido puestos en mi vida. Gracias por enseñarme lo que significa ser fuerte y el valor del trabajo duro. A mi hermana, se que tuviste que crecer más rápidamente de lo normal para ser como una madre para mi y a veces fue muy difícil, pero te lo agradezco porque sin tu motivación y cariño, no estaría dando este discurso hoy. Gracias por abrazarme y motivarme mientras lloraba en tus brazos sobre la tarea. Los amo y esto es gracias a ustedes.

At first, I had no idea what I wanted to talk about in my speech. I then reflected on some of the most valuable pieces of advice I have received throughout high school. I remembered a moment when I was on the verge of tears. Stressed about deciding whether or not I should attend USC. I walked into Mr. Mansour’s classroom and shared my worries with him. I said, “But what if I make the wrong decision? What if I don’t like it and I come back and feel embarrassed?” Mr. Mansour with a confused look on his face responded, “Who cares? At least you took that risk.

Those words have changed my perspective to this day. This was the moment I realized that truly, who cares? Who cares what clothes you wear to work or school? Who cares if you make a mistake? Who cares if you embarrass yourself? Who cares?

We spend so much time worrying about the opinions of others or the possible outcomes of certain actions that we fail to take risks. It is better to learn a lesson from a risk you took than to say, “I wish I would have done that.” Because why wish when you can do it? And I know it might be scary because we fear the feeling of failure or we worry about what other people might say, but this is the only life we are given and we must take advantage of it. It is never too late and it is always the right time to take a risk. So, who cares?

To my fellow classmates, we are at a time where we are figuring out how we want to spend the rest of our lives. Some of us have a clear idea of what we want, and others of us still may feel as confused as we did as freshmen. And that’s okay. Every path is different. The only thing that matters is being able to look back at your journey and feel content and proud of it. So as we move onto this next chapter of our lives remember that time will not wait for you. Try out that hobby you have been too scared to try. Apply to that program or that job. Go to your dream school. Take risks and never feel embarrassed for doing so. Because, again who cares?

Never let anyone make you feel embarrassed for taking a risk because it is better than being stuck with the what ifs. You should feel more embarrassed for not taking any risks than for taking risks. Everyone in this gym has made mistakes: our parents, our grandparents, staff, and the peers sitting next to you. So do not fear risks. Join a club at your college. Make new friends at school or work. Start that thing you have been procrastinating on. Reach for what seems unreachable. Challenge yourself. The unknown outcome is definitely intimidating, but time is limited. So, who cares?

It feels like just yesterday we were walking into T.F. North for the first time with our masks on. The rest of our lives will move just as fast as these 4 years of high school. But spending that time doing what you love, trying out something new, and simply enjoying life makes it all okay and makes it all worth it. As you all leave T.F. North today, please take one thing from this speech: Who cares? Risks are never a waste, and they are how you improve. Welcome failure with open arms, and never be afraid of it. If you feel a strong desire to do something, it is for a reason. Every dream is attainable, and it is all about the risks you are willing to take to get there. Congratulations Class of 2025, and remember to always be hardworking, caring, responsible, and respectful. Thank you!

Francine Scott, Class of 2025

# Salutatory Address

Good afternoon to friends, family, staff, and to my fellow 2025 graduates!! To say we did it, is simply an understatement. We did it in spite of many obstacles. As we celebrate this incredible achievement, it is hard not to acknowledge the challenges we had to overcome: in particular, our greatest challenge, navigating through the aftermath of the pandemic.

As freshmen, we faced a year of uncertainty, and the questions raced through our minds: Would we ever return to normal again? Would we make new friends? Little did we know, those uncertain days would become a turning point in our lives. We became resilient, determined to not let anything stop us from being here, and fearless in the face of obstacles. We navigated through challenges of masks, virtual learning, and the constant reminder of what the pandemic took from us. Today, we stand together, proud of our perseverance, as we celebrate this hard-fought milestone.

Our masks are off now, our computers are closed, and our futures are bright. It would be a mistake not to show appreciation to the people that helped us on our journey. We had no blueprint, no map, no right answers

to getting through high school, but we did have people that aided us along the way.

One amazing and crucial person to my success in high school is Mrs. Galvan. My unconfident, fearful, nervous, and yappy self met her my Freshman year. Throughout the years, I found myself going to her room just to talk or complain about my work. Then a day later I would go to her room again and be so happy that the exact work I complained about was actually not that bad. We grew together, and I will never take for granted the person she has helped me become.

Many of us have a Mrs. Galvan in our lives – someone that gave us an opportunity to shine despite all of the uncertainties. So now that we sit here, remember the people you did this for, whether it’s yourself or someone you care about.

Most of all, remember to be yourself. Take this diploma and walk with pride — you deserve this moment. As Nelson Mandela once said, “It always seems impossible until it’s done.” I wish you the best for your future, but for now, let’s graduate!!





# Seniors' Final Messages

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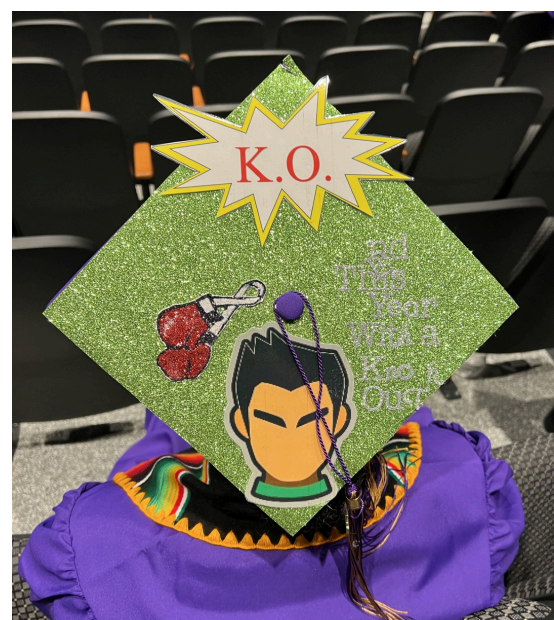
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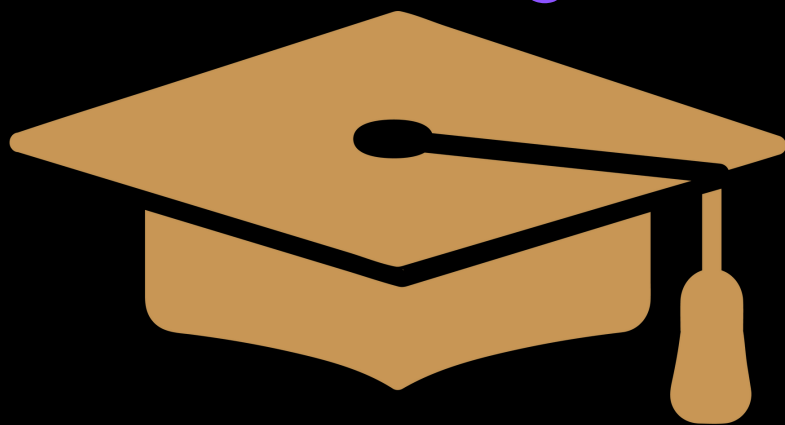
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# Senior Bests

## As Voted On By

### The Class of 2025



*Most Athletic:*  
Sammie King  
Joseph Mennitt

*Most School Spirited:*  
Favor Babatunde  
Josiah Jackson

*Most Likely To Succeed:*  
Favor Babatunde  
Josiah Jackson

*Most Talkative:*  
Kiera Gould  
Nasin English

*Best Dressed:*  
Kiera Gould  
Josiah Jackson

*Best Hair:*  
Layla Hall  
Jaylen Jones

*Most Likely To Become A  
Celebrity:*  
Dionna Gunn  
John McBeth III

*Most Likely To Become  
President:*  
Favor Babatunde  
Josiah Jackson

*Most Likely To Be  
Late To Graduation:*  
Savannah McMullen  
Joseph Mennitt

*Class Clown:*  
Janae Stewart  
Deandre Cox

*Most Involved:*  
Favor Babatunde  
Josiah Jackson

*Most Likely To Get Away With  
Anything:*  
Jaycee Beal  
Joseph Mennitt

*Best Personality:*  
Sammie King  
Josiah Jackson

*Most Dependable:*  
Angle Ogedegbe  
Josiah Jackson

*Biggest Flint:*  
Jessica King  
Nasin English

*Most Dramatic:*  
Alana Dotson  
John McBeth III

*Most Artistic:*  
Emily Sanchez  
Kaleb Washington

*Best Smile:*  
Dionna Gunn  
John McBeth III

By Jakayla O'Quinn, Staff Reporter



Historia de  
Sr. Rucinski, TFN Principal  
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Felicidades a nuestros graduados

¡Felicidades, se unen a los 99 años de graduados de Thornton Fractional! ¡Este es un momento para que ustedes, su familia y amigos celebren! Han completado 13 años de escuela, en los cuales sus familias, maestros, consejeros y miembros del personal los han preparado para este momento. Ahora tienen la oportunidad de utilizar todo lo que han aprendido para crear sus propios caminos en la vida. Sin importar si sea que vayan a la universidad, al ejército, a una escuela profesional o al mundo laboral, tienen el poder y la libertad para tomar sus propias decisiones y forjar su propio futuro. Para aquellos de ustedes que han estado en T.F. North los cuatro años, seguramente recordarán haber comenzado la preparatoria después de terminar la secundaria en línea debido a COVID. Probablemente estaban nerviosos o inseguros de volver al aprendizaje en persona y comenzar la preparatoria después de estar en casa durante más de un año. Desde ese comienzo único, me han impresionado mucho con la confianza y la madurez que han demostrado al convertirse en los jóvenes adultos que son hoy. Ya sea en el aula, en atletismo, danza, porristas, obras de teatro, musicales, oratoria o banda, he disfrutado cada minuto viendo el crecimiento que cada uno de ustedes ha demostrado a lo largo de estos años. Más allá del salón, los deportes y las actividades, siempre recordaré las sonrisas, los chistes y la alegría que tuvieron lugar en los pasillos y alrededor del edificio (y sí, me ganaron en el juego de Monogram). Por más alegre que sea la ocasión de graduarse, la incertidumbre de lo que vendrá después puede parecer desalentadora, especialmente en nuestro mundo en constante cambio. Pase lo que pase, creo firmemente que si siguen sus sueños o intereses, lograrán cualquier objetivo que se propongan. La vida no se trata de hacer lo que otros creen que debes hacer; en cambio, se trata de encontrar lo que TÚ quieres hacer. Está bien si aún no saben lo que quieren, pero mi consejo es que sean fieles a ustedes mismos y que traten siempre a las personas de manera justa. A lo largo de sus carreras en preparatoria, hemos enfatizado cuatro valores fundamentales: trabajador, solidario, responsable y respetuoso. Son más que palabras, son un modelo de vida. ¡Les aseguro que si viven según esos cuatro valores, el cielo es el límite y el mundo será suyo! Nuevamente, ¡felicidades a la clase del 2025! Lo hicieron, y no podría estar más orgulloso de ustedes. Como nuestros “comeback kids” que regresaron de la pandemia, siempre ocuparán un lugar especial en mi corazón y no puedo esperar a escuchar todas las cosas maravillosas que lograrán.

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T.F. North celebra la 101ª ceremonia de graduación

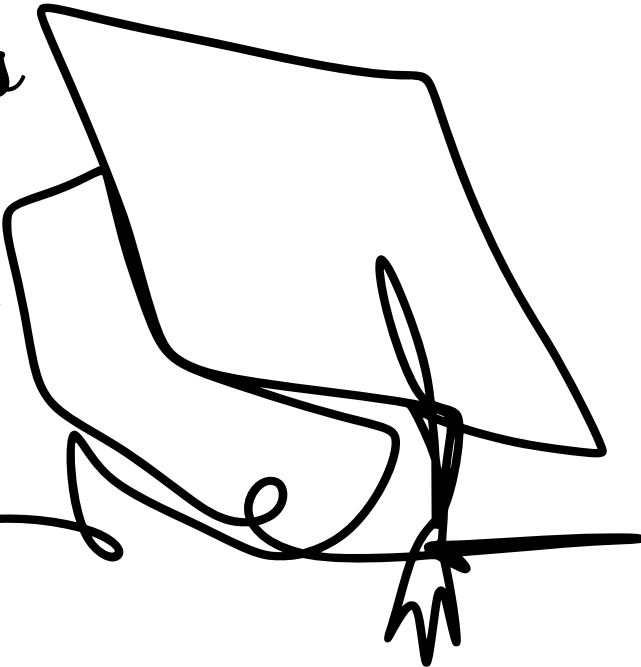


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Anoche, T.F. North celebró la graduación de la clase del 2025 en el gimnasio de la escuela. La ceremonia de graduación de la 101ª generación comenzó con la procesión, mientras la banda, dirigida por la Sra. Cheers, interpretaba "Pomp and Circumstance". Seguido por el vicepresidente de la clase, Josiah Jackson, quien dirigió al público en la recitación del Juramento a la Bandera. Después, el grupo a capela de hombres de T.F. North, dirigido por el Sr. Spakowski, interpretó “Es tan difícil decir adiós al ayer.” La presidenta de la clase, Favor Babatunde, dio la bienvenida a los invitados a la ceremonia. Después de que el Superintendente Robinzine dio algunas palabras, el Principal Rusinski anunció los diez estudiantes mejores académicamente de la clase del 2025 (Precious Agwu, Joselyn Cervantes, Michelle Corral, Nadia Malagon Santoyo, Gabrielle McClain, Stephanie Montiel, Luis Pelayo, Jasmin Ramirez, Francine Scott y Jennifer Serrano).

Después, el Principal Rusinski reconoció a la valedictorian Jasmin Ramirez y a la salutatoriana Francine Scott. Subieron al escenario, donde comenzaron sus discursos. “Ya no nos ponemos mascarillas. Apagamos las computadoras. Nos espera un futuro brillante. Sería un error no agradecer a quienes nos ayudaron en nuestro camino. No teníamos un plan, ni un mapa, ni las respuestas correctas para terminar la preparatoria, pero sí tuvimos gente que nos ayudó en el camino”, dijo Francine Scott, salutatoriana. Jasmin Ramirez, valedictorian, comentó: “Parece que fue ayer cuando entrábamos a TF North por primera vez con las mascarillas puestas. El resto de nuestras vidas pasará tan rápido como estos cuatro años de preparatoria”. Poco después, los graduados de la Clase 2025 recibieron sus diplomas mientras caminaban uno a uno por el escenario. Finalmente, al finalizar la ceremonia, los graduados lanzaron sus birretes al aire en señal de celebración.

¡Felicidades  
a los  
graduados!





# What is your favorite memory of the Class of 2025?

Curated by Gaby Barraza, Staff Reporter

“I absolutely adore my 5th hour class of seniors. They really made the year so fun and having that group of students towards the end of the day really helped my sanity. I will miss all the senior students I had this year - such a great group of kids!” said Ms. Csoke.

“To my APPC Seniors, I am so proud of you and so excited to see what you accomplish in your next chapter. Work hard, have fun, and remember my advice about the population!” said Ms. McCarthy.

“I will remember the boys bowling team for their team chemistry and sportsmanship. As I got to know each member of the team, I realized that they were a group of nice people - which is more important than being talented,” said Mr. Twietmeyer.

“Small talk Thursdays in my 6th hour AP Lang class - quietest class ever! You all hated it at first, but by the end of the year you were pretty chatty (although never in a whole class discussion),” said Ms. Hood.

“They were the first class to consistently participate in sports and activities in my time as Athletic Director. Students from this class are in multiple sports and multiple clubs. They have grown into leadership roles and helped push our clubs and sports to new heights!” said Mr. Stubbs.

“I have several memories from this class. I will miss this group of seniors I had in my clubs and sports, from chess and History Club to golf. Luis Pelayo, Emella Sedicol, Diego Torrez, Diego Pantoja, and Luis Carrera were dedicated to playing chess for four years. We had so many laughs. Many of these same young adults showed true patriotism with their volunteer work at the local VFW, helping the veterans and developing community relationships. I am very proud to have watched them grow up since their freshman year. In golf, we created those fun moments of victory and defeat. The long straight bombs and the duffs into the sand traps. Great seniors like Luis Pelayo, Aiden Jordan, Angel Olaguez, and Destiny Allwell. I will certainly miss this group of seniors. Good luck to you all,” said Coach Weber.

“Playing Hide and Go Seek in the Stronghold Castle at night with the Adv. Choir; many of whom are seniors, while on our Choir Retreat!” said Mr. Spakowski.

“I will really miss this class of seniors! One of the best!” said Ms. Matlock.

“My favorite memory is seeing the students kill it in the Color Purple musical!” said Ms. Givens.

“I love seeing students grow inside and out from freshman to senior year. One of the most impressive transformations has come from Tashyra Boyd, who has matured into a very kind and calming young person. Another remarkable student is Ivy Finley. Starting with quiet confidence and curiosity, they’ve grown into a thoughtful, articulate leader ready to make a meaningful impact on the world. Finally, Marsharia Williams, one of the LRC’s biggest patrons in her four years, has been driven by curiosity and a yearning to grow her mind, and has come to the LRC to explore a wide range of non-fiction, steadily blossoming into a knowledgeable and well-rounded young woman. There are so many in the class of 2025 who have come a long way, and I hope you are all proud of the evolution that has taken place within you,” said Ms. DeSoto.

“To all of my AP Biology students: You all did a fantastic job with labs this year. We do A LOT, and I always appreciated your effort and care that was put into those labs! Stay curious!” said Ms. Mundy.

“My second period this year was an absolute hoot! Othello was a blast with this group, and it reminded me why I love to teach seniors! My other fave memory is 5th period lunch with the girls. It was awesome to see them grow into awesome humans who are going to change the world!” said Ms. Isberg.

“I will forever remember this class of seniors who played football and baseball, and participated in powerlifting! I will forever remember their amazing efforts and positive attitudes,” said Mr. Fortier.

“I love the adult conversations with my amazing work program students about real life...work, politics, relationships, money, and our 'inspire me' quotes! They will impact this world for the better! My Soul Strands stars! The dedicated, creative, and determined to profit individuals inspired me to keep providing opportunities to future entrepreneurship students!” said Ms. Donovan.

“Watching our Class of '25 Meteor football players lead us to victories, ending draughts of almost 40 years, of going back-to-back against TFS, and ending a 22-year playoff winless streak!” said Coach Pignatiello.

“I loved the CHEESEMA during our 6th period class, as well as all the food we had,” said Mr. Mansour.

“To my 7th period class, your personal growth this past year has been amazing. You are on your way to becoming great writers,” said Ms. Stramaglia.

“It’s always a special experience to have students in their freshman year and then again as seniors. Watching them grow from unsure, curious ninth graders into confident, capable young adults is incredibly rewarding. Seeing their personal and academic development come full circle is one of the most fulfilling parts of teaching,” said Ms. Lukas.

“The maturation of Norreye Evans is a huge highlight for me. He has grown to be a strong and optimistic person who is on the path to be successful. Also, Sammie King has brought nothing but a positive attitude every morning and numerous times a day she brings a ray of sunshine through her time here. I’m so glad her locker was outside my room!!! There are many, many more seniors who I will miss!!” said Mr. Schuldes.

“From wandering track infields with Faith, complaining to Tierra about bad bosses (not mine of course, hers!), saluting Jaycee, check ins with my hairstylist, Kiera and watching Layla become a Conference Champion, it has been an awesome journey to watch you all grow, as we all started here together in 2021. There’s nothing you cannot accomplish. If my daughter gets an ounce of your talents, I would be so lucky,” said Mr. Cervantes.

“I will always remember Favor and Alana coming by to chat. I am so proud of the girls who played four years of basketball in our program, even though I’m not their coach anymore. It’s a rarity these days, and Precious, Samiya, Gabby, Rachael, and Alana were so dedicated to the program and even finished their careers with conference and regional championships,” said Ms. Hadler.





# What is your favorite memory of the Class of 2025?

Curated by Gaby Barraza, Staff Reporter

“My favorite memory was sponsoring the Class of 2025 for Junior Board. We really had some amazing leaders and fun experiences. The Homecoming Pep Rally and Powder Puff game are two specific events I will always remember,” said Ms. Weber.

“I appreciate the growth displayed by this class from their freshman to senior year. (They know who they are),” said Mr. Cuevas.

“I remember this group left their freshman year for COVID and are coming back stronger than before, ready to learn,” said Ms. Torres.

“This class is special to me because I started at TFN when they were freshmen. I had the greatest opportunity to watch them flourish into the young adults that they are. I have to stop myself from tearing up thinking about how much they made an impact on me as I did for them. The Class of 2025 is my favorite memory,” said Nurse Hale.

“A couple of my senior girls who were aware of my recent health issues showed up to school the day after my last chemotherapy with balloons, flowers, and sweet cards. It meant the world to me that I was that important to them, Amari Crawford and Taylor Brown!!!” said Ms. Kuchenbecker.

“My 5th hour class, you single-handedly won 3 door decorating contests, and you were experts at starting off-topic conversations to get out of doing geometry,” said Mrs. L Cook.

“I do not have one specific memory to share but the Class of 2025 will always be special to me! Some of them I met as freshmen, some as sophomores, others as juniors. Many I had the pleasure of having multiple years. To the students I had as freshmen: Thank you for working through the challenge of returning to school after the pandemic. It was hard, but so many of you stepped up to the challenge! To the students I had as sophomores: Thank you for helping me to get through second half of the year after my Dad passed away. Many of you probably do not realize how much seeing your faces every day helped me get through that time period. To the students I had as juniors: I hope you are leaving this building with a better knowledge of how to be your own self-advocate in the world beyond our doors. I will miss you all and know that you will go on to do great things!” said Ms. Herr.

“Working with the seniors in the TFN Journalism Department has not only been memorable; it has been one of the highlights of my career. Having Ivy, Lily, Marisol, and Luis join my OG Thonrtonian Staff of Jamsine, Emily, Rogelio, Ximena, and Aidan made this year very special. I am also going to miss seeing the Chronoscope Editors (Marisol, Angel, Jeremey, and Sammie) dart in and out of my classroom every single hour of the day. Working with them and Yesi, Favor, Natalie, Dean, Lily, Silver, Devin, Rosa, and Shariya has been very rewarding. I looked forward to teaching those two classes every day!

“My favorite memory is seeing the Class of 2025 serve during our Student Action Team community outings and events, particularly the Thanksgiving Dinner,” said Ms. Dowd.

“Going to the IHSA State Tennis Tournament with Precious Agwu and Favor Babatunde destroying their opponents at the net the entire season,” said Mr. McDaniel.

“There are so many great moments with this class: Tammy performing every year with the tamborazo, Francine opening her acceptance e-mail (and straightening her hair), the Remind GC with Josiah, Layla and Jaycee, chisme with Krystal, a definite wave and smile from Aaron and Norrye in the hall, Ciarra's 'cómo se llama tu tía', planning the HHM assembly with my girls Jenni, Jasmine, Natalie and Nadia, the inauguration of the Spanish Honor Society, the SHS collab with Carlos and the baseball team, las risas y regaños con Migue, Angel y Ricardo, toda mi clase de literatura (leer para entender) and all of my students I had! Gracias por tantas risas y bonitos recuerdos,” said Ms. Galvan.

“The Class of 2025 will hold a special place in my heart. This class overall truly embodied the true Meteor spirit of being Hardworking, Caring, Responsible, and Respectful. The Dean's Office had no major issues with this class and thoroughly enjoyed them. Special shout out to Daijae, Jasiya, Amari, Taylor (TCBY), Nasir, Norrye, Josh D., and Shamari!” said Ms. Hunt.

“When my cosmetology students passed their Illinois Cosmetology State Board exam!” said Ms. Fonville.

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# What advice do you have for the Class of 2025?

Curated by Gaby Barraza, Staff Reporter

“Be open to new experiences! Never turn down a chance at trying something new. Oh and start investing money NOW!” said Ms. Csoke.

“Don't fret the small stuff, stay positive and focused; college will take you by surprise about how much freedom you will have,” said Mr. Mansour.

“I would say that as you leave high school and move into real life - always remember to treat others the way you want to be treated. If you go out of your way to be a quality person, there will be many more opportunities and open doors in your future,” said Mr. Twietmeyer.

“Work hard to achieve your goals...don't slack!” said Mr. Schuldes.

“Your journey is unique. Don't compare yourself to others, instead fall in love with the work and the process. Stay consistent with positive habits and you will find yourself always progressing,” said Mr. Stubbs.

“Nobody looks out for you better than you. Stay alert, stay focused, and stay humble. You can have results or excuses, NOT BOTH. Keep working toward your entrepreneurial dreams!” said Ms. Donovan.

“Keep learning. Embrace challenges. The world is your oyster!” said Ms. Hadler.

“Lead your life with love, work hard, and the rest will take care of itself,” said Mr. Spakowski.

“Travel! See the world, experience new things. Make Art!” said Mr. Cuevas.

“The world is scary, but never let that stop you from doing great things,” said Nurse Hale.

“Keep being the most amazing group of young adults. We are so incredibly proud of all of you!!” said Ms. Kuchenbecker.

“My advice to the Class of 2025 is to know that there is just not one way to reach your goals. Life will have unplanned turns and plot twists, but know that they are part of your journey. When you hit a detour, it is ok to pause and regroup and then keep going!” said Ms. Hunt.

“Spend your money on experiences, not material possessions. Travel as much as you can. We live in a country that is as beautiful as it is diverse. See for yourself the geographic and cultural differences that make each region of our nation unique. Don't be afraid to talk with new people, listen to their stories, learn their language, or try their cuisine. Our country has so many things to experience. The sooner you learn how to drive a car, board a train, and book a flight, the sooner you can experience the things you learned about in class or read about in your history book,” said Mr. Stephan.

“Always follow your heart and do what you love!,” said Ms. Matlock.

“STAY NORTH!” said Mr. Pignatiello.

“If later in life you realize there was a teacher who was right or taught you something that you finally find practical, do something crazy, go back and thank them,” said Ms. Stramaglia.

“Don't be afraid of change, take chances, travel, get involved, and trust the process!” said Ms. Lukas.

“To my quietest kids.....use that personality trait to your advantage. You are probably not going to start being the chattiest person in the room, so when you DO talk, people will listen. Make it count,” said Ms. Hood.

“Your adult life is a blank slate right now. Many pages of your book are still waiting to be written. Never give up, always do your best, and keep chasing those dreams. The best really is yet to come!” said Ms. Mundy.

“We were seriously committed to you. I hope you can look back later and remember the nagging and the reminding, the constant comments and rule reminders, from a place of love, not rigidity. We wanted to see you excel and never be held back by society, we did it the only way we knew how. We were hard on you, and I think it paid off. Word of advice: come back to visit. We live our successes through you!” said Mr. Cervantes.

“Success is not a "get rich quick" concept. If it were easy, everyone would do/have it. Don't be afraid to put in the work. I'm so proud of you and am praying that God go with you, protect you and bless you,” said Ms. Dowd.

“You might not succeed at first, but never give up on your dreams,” said Ms. Torres.

“Never Give Up! Believe in yourself,” said Ms. Fonville.

“Chase your dreams, work hard, and remember to call your parents,” said Mrs. L Cook.

“Stay true to yourself! Believe in your dreams and pursue them Full out!” said Ms. Givens.

“Accept no limits on your life but embrace the detours,” said Ms. DeSoto.

“My advice for the Class of 2025 would be that it is ok to change your mind. Follow your own timeline. Just because life may throw some hurdles in your way, does not mean you cannot accomplish your goals. Everyone is on a different path. Give yourself grace and be flexible in your mindset. Lastly, TRAVEL! TRAVEL! TRAVEL! Break outside of your bubble and explore everything the world has to offer, never stop learning, and find your happiness! HAPPY Graduation Day Class of 2025!” said Mrs. Watt.

“Believe you can, give it a whirl, and enjoy the ride!” said Ms. Isberg.

“My biggest advice is to talk less and listen more. You will learn so much more by listening to others and their successes and failures. Be true to yourself and God. God bless you all and work hard for your dreams,” said Mr. Weber.

“Pursue the things in life that bring you joy. Do not live life having any regrets. Believe in yourself and it will work out!” said Mr. Fortier.

“Make it happen!” said Ms. Weber.

“Disfruten. Gocen. Conozcan a personas nuevas. Viajen. Estudien. Cometan errores y aprendan de ellos. Obtengan una carrera o un trabajo que los haga felices día a día. Cumplan sus metas. Siempre tengan en mente y esten agradecidos con los que sacrificaron tanto por ustedes. Representen su cultura. Y lo más importante, siempre busquen la manera de ser mejores personas que el día anterior. ¡Se les aprecia bastante y se les extrañara aún más!” said Ms. Galvan

“Save your money, stay clear of credit cards, and invest early,” said Mr. McDaniel.







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