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Class of 2000

To the Class of 2000:

Today I signed your diplomas, and, as I looked at each of your names, a myriad of thoughts and memories came to me. For some of you, I remembered your moms and dads being in my English classes. One of my favorite things to do was our sharing good literature and relating it to our own lives and dreams. We often talked about our future plans and families. Now, after all these years, I can celebrate the realization of many of those dreams with your parents. What a wonderful blessing!

Some of my thoughts returned to your freshmen year at the Rock. I thought about going into your classes and our talking about your work and simply seeing how you were doing. I recalled watching you compete in many activities and giving your time and effort in community service. I have cheered you on in athletic competitions and have been so proud of all your victories. I have listened to you sing and play beautiful music. We have shared happy, sad, angry and humorous moments. You have matured into admirable young adults. Again, what a wonderful blessing!

In signing your diplomas, I thought about how we are "signing you over" to your new life and all its challenges. If, for the final time, I can offer advice on meeting those challenges, I want to say, "Be courageous." Ask yourself, "What was I created to do? What am I afraid of that might get in the way of my dreams?" Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face... You must do the things you think you cannot do." Do not be afraid to make decisions which will keep you healthy and strong, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Do not be afraid to pursue your heart's desire.

Just think -- I could very well help you celebrate the realization of your dreams in your children's graduation. Again, what a blessing!

Love and best wishes always.

Ruth Allen, RCHS Principal



Prophecies

Amanda Abney will be the next scream queen after starring in 56 horror movies and perfecting her high pitched squeal.

Roy Adams will struggle as an advertising agent for years; however, he will become a millionaire when his ad for John Deere tractors debuts... (It will feature a man wearing a teal bandana, singing "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy.")

Jason L. Baker will write dozens of self-help books for compulsive liars and other short-stories about his exploits in Germany and beyond.

Brian Bell will become a great litigator except for his annoying

habit to "squeak" when the trial is not going his way.

Natasha Bishop will finally feel a "pijter-pat" that doesn't go bad and will own her own car lot, from which she picks a new one every week.

Sabrina Bowles will become a high school counselor, helping Freshmen students deal with bullies. She will also be head writer for the top ten lists on David Letterman.

Angelia Bradley will have taken her mother's place in the R.C.H.S cafeteria. Students will love her when she decides to serve something other than corn with the

pizza.

Derek Bradley will own his own tattoo parlor, and will continue to hang out at the Gravel Pit., wearing his letterman jacket through his late forties.

Jason Bullock will become a successful business man by driving the competition nuts with that incessant tapping of the pencil on the desk.

Kristy Bullock will, at age 21, become manager of Food World and wreck her truck rushing home to meet her still-enforced ten o'clock curfew.

Jacob Burdette will gain 100 pounds and then find a job mod-

eling for Big and Tall Men's Wear. **Christina Cadena** will have finally won the lottery. She and William will have five kids and a wonderful marriage.

Vonda Carmack will not be attending the ten year reunion because she will be currently held in contempt of court. (There's some things you just can't say to the judge.)

Gail Cash will disappear on Halloween of 2006. Her friends and family will claim to have seen bright lights and a strange flying object in the sky.

Jessica Childress will become the "kool-aid" mom of her neigh-

borhood, passing out popsicles and sandwiches every day at lunch.

Neil Childress will host his own fishing show. He will shoot on-location in Renfro Valley.

Robin Childress will become a Thoroughbabe and Jeremy Reynolds will be her biggest fan. **Robert Clark** will finally leave Livingston and achieve fame as a professional wrestler under the name "Little Jersey."

Shannon Clontz will become an inspector at Fruit of the Loom, only to be fired for giving free underwear to all her friends. **Jessica Cobb** will move back to