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CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN YOUR YOUNG LIVES. AS TEACHERS, COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ADVISORS- WE HAVE SEEN YOU GUYS QUITE A BIT OVER THE PAST 4 YEARS. WE HAVE SEEN YOU IN THE CLASSROOM, OUT OF THE CLASSROOM, ON THE FIELD, ON THE COURT, ON THE STAGE..... OR STRANGELY ENOUGH, ON A COMPUTER SCREEN.

YOU GUYS HAVE CERTAINLY HAD YOUR SHARE OF TWISTS AND TURNS DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER. I KNOW THAT FOR ME- I HAVE MY OLDEST NIECE JACKIE WIGGINS IN THIS CLASS. I HAVE A COUPLE OF COUSINS IN GIANNA AND MATTEO CUA..... AND MANY MORE OF YOU THAT I HAVE KNOWN SINCE YOU WERE VERY YOUNG. I GUARANTEE THE PARENTS WOULD AGREE THAT IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS GONE BY SO QUICKLY. I'M SURE THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YOU (THE STUDENTS) THOUGHT THAT THIS DAY SEEMED SO FAR AWAY. SOMETIMES THE DAYS SEEM LONG- BUT LOOKING BACK- THE WEEKS, AND THE MONTHS, AND THE YEARS REALLY FLY BY.

TIME IS CERTAINLY A GIFT. NOBODY KNOWS EXACTLY HOW MUCH TIME THEY HAVE. AND ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD CANT BUY US ANY MORE TIME.

THAT SAID- WE SHOULD TRY TO "LOVE TO LIVE".

TO ENJOY OUR FAMILIES, OUR FRIENDS, OUR RELATIONSHIPS. TO EMBRACE OUR OPPORTUNITIES. YOU GUYS ARE AT SUCH A GREAT AGE. THE EXCITEMENT, THE POSSIBILITIES..... YOU HAVE SO MUCH GOOD AHEAD. DON'T BE AFRAID TO STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE. CHALLENGE YOURSELVES, HAVE FUN, TAKE CHANCES... ENJOY LIFE.

TO STEAL A QUOTE FROM COACH LOU HOLTZ.

"EVERYBODY CAN BE THE BEST YOU'RE CAPABLE OF BEING..."

THAT SEEMS LIKE A SIMPLE CONCEPT. AND IT IS. THE CONCEPT ITSELF IS SIMPLE, BUT THE CONSISTENT APPROACH TO CARRY IT OUT IS A REAL CHALLENGE. THATS BECAUSE IT ISN'T EASY. WE KNOW WE WILL ALL FACE ADVERSITY. WE KNOW WE WILL HAVE BAD DAYS.

IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY- WE HAVE SEEN THIS GROUP ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES, STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (WITH A COUPLE MORE COME IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS BY THE WAY).

WE HAVE SEEN EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AND ON THE STAGE. AND HOW ABOUT CREATIVITY. I SAW SOMETHING LAST WEEK I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE:

I SAW THIS CLASS EXECUTE A FULL FLEDGE FUNERAL IN THE COURTYARD....
FOR AN IPAD.....

YOU GUYS HAVE FACED A LOT. AND HERE YOU ARE AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION AND JUST ABOUT READY FOR YOUR NEXT CHAPTER.....

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE ME MOST PROUD OF THIS CLASS IS THE WAY
YOU CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

WE ALL KNOW THE WORLD HAS ITS SHARE OF PROBLEMS.... BUT WITHIN THESE
WALLS WE GET TO SEE PEOPLE WHO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND CARE FOR ONE
ANOTHER.

WE GET TO SEE PEOPLE WHO ARE UNSELFISH. PEOPLE WHO SERVE OTHERS.

IT IS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT YOU LEARNED THIS FROM YOUR FAMILIES, YOUR UP
BRINGING, AND CERTAINLY FROM YOUR TIME AT DESALES.

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE OF THIS!!!!

I CHALLENGE YOU TO TAKE A PIECE OF THAT SPIRIT WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU
GO. WHETHER IT IS A COLLEGE CAMPUS, THE WORK FORCE, THE MILITARY.....
WHEREVER YOU GO.

THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS HAVE PROBLEMS..... I HOPE YOU ARE THE KIND OF
PERSON WHO HELPS PROVIDE SOLUTIONS.

SO IN CLOSING TO THE CLASS OF 2022.... DON'T FORGET THIS MESSAGE

ONCE A STALLION.... ALWAYS A STALLION.

YOUR NOW A MEMBER OF THIS SPECIAL CLUB.

GODSPEED, AND GOOD LUCK!