CLASS OF 2008

Doniphan West High School
Elwood High School
Troy High School
Wathena High School

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also Highland Community College
Doniphan West High School Stands United!

By Class President Eric Simmons

I have been the class president for the Doniphan West High School class of 2008 for three years, and in those years I have noticed something miraculous—unity. When Doniphan West High School was born in August 2004, the Midway students were still Midway students, and the Highland students were still Highland students. Now, after four years of good and bad times we have truly become one—one class, one family, one Doniphan West Mustang. I would have never thought that my class would ever find any form of common ground or unity. I am glad to say that I was wrong.

My class has gone through some very difficult times, and it seems that no matter how complicated things we still end up pushing through to find the light at the end of the tunnel. For instance, our class lost a very valuable asset this year, and that was a woman by the name of Janet Libel. She was an amazing woman who was dedicated to the students at D-West. It didn’t matter what activity or what sport was going on, she was always there, no questions asked!

The class of 2008 will be the first to graduate from Doniphan West High School after completing all four years as D-West students. In my mind this is a major accomplishment. For the past four years our class has taken every opportunity to create a stronger, more unique bond with each other. Now, I truly believe we have accomplished what we came to do.

Many people said that this arrangement wouldn’t work, and that the schools would split within a few years. Well, have I got news for them! We have done the impossible! We have proven that two rivals can become one. I have been more than proud of my fellow students during my time here at D-West. These have been some of the most amazing years of my life, and now looking back at the events of the past four years, I realize what we will all be leaving behind after graduation.

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Doniphan West

Class Motto:
"Emotions, drama, broken hearts, and lies, we've made these the best days of our lives."

Graduating Class of 2008

Unified School Districts
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We've Got To Hand It To You ...
You've struggled, worked hard, studied late and made sacrifices - and now you're graduating. There will be more challenges in store for you, but with your education and work ethic, nothing is beyond your reach. Congratulations, graduates!

City of Highland
Governing Body & Employees
Troy High School Graduation Exercises

Sunday, May 18, 2008 3:00 P.M.

Processional ............................................"Pomp and Circumstance" Troy High School Band
Welcome ..................................................Don Cash
Principal, Troy High School
Troy High School Mixed Chorus ......................"the Dance"
Presentation of Co-Valedictorian ......................Don Cash
Co-Valedictorian’s Address ..........................Jena Johnson
Presentation of Valedictorian .........................Don Cash
Co-Valedictorian’s Address ..........................Kaitlyn Jordan
Video Presentation ......................................Troy High School
Dedication to Family ......................................Senior Class
Presentation of the Class of 2007 ......................Don Cash
Presentation of Diplomas .................................Hugh Kinsey
President, Board of Education
Removal ......................................................."Recess"

Don’t forget the Memories of THS
By Class President Elizabeth Thorman
We are so close, so close to receiving our diplomas. We’re ready to walk out the gym doors and begin the next chapter of our lives. We’ve all made future plans, and we’re just waiting for the graduation ceremony to be over so that we can leave and never look back. But should we forget the people and memories that have made us who we are?

Of course, we’ve all had good days and bad days; those days are going to happen wherever we go. But to forget those days is to forget who we are. We have become who we are today because of those days:

Days of frustration when nothing seemed to be going our way.
Days of excitement on game days, at art competitions, and at opening performances of the play.
Days of anger when someone pushed our tempers to the limit.
Days of laughter like the day Mr. Norton told Jordan [Jibril] and Kaitlyn [Jordan] they had eaten the lab’s chemically covered M&Ms. Days of despair when we were certain there was absolutely no way to get everything finished in time.

Days of content while debating in government class.
Days of practical jokes.

When we “walk” at graduation, remember that the “walk” is symbolic of both the road taken and the journey yet to come.

While you’re out in the world discovering new places and meeting new friends, remember Troy High School and the friends within. While you’re making new mistakes, learn from the old ones. Then on a day in the future you can ask yourself, “Who am I today, because of yesterday’s memories?”

We salute you, graduates, for a job well done!

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Troy, KS

Grads, you’re tops with us!
Wishing you all the best in the future!

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Troy, Ks.

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Troy, KS

Consumer Oil Co.
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Good Luck!

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Brooke Insurance & Financial Services
John Haupt & Neva Moore, Troy, KS
Troy High School
Class of 2008

Class Colors
Baby Blue, Black and Silver

Class Flower
Blue Tipped Water Lily

Class Motto
"You are never given a dream
without the power to make it come true."
WHS Class of 2008: Champions

By Class President Janey Chuck

Congratulations Class of 2008! We’ve made it! The past twelve years together have been so rewarding and memorable. Let’s take a couple of minutes to remember those rewarding moments and memories that will be imprinted in our hearts and minds forever.

Our first three years of school were probably the easiest, although at the time we probably thought of them to be the hardest. In Kindergarten, we enjoyed learning how to count and cut straight lines. Super Kid Day was probably the highlight of every five and six year old in the classroom. Throughout 1st grade we began learning how to spell and read, which at the time seemed like the most difficult thing in the world. Mrs. Bauman and Mrs. Douten were very patient with us and we enjoyed them as teachers. Second grade brought many memorable moments and good times. Ms. Derrick’s class enjoyed combing and “pickin’” her hair during class, playing fun games, and listening to the record player.

In 3rd grade we began to learn the true meaning of responsibility and care when raising little chicks in an incubator. This was also the time when we all learned a little patience when practicing piano. In 4th grade, we began learning how to read and write on computers. Our 5th grade year was definitely one to remember! Growing up, we enjoyed our last days of recess and were given the opportunity to express our feelings with music! Mrs. Schmoeck recruited most of the young ladies in band, which I believe solved a lot of anger problems and brought us closer together. Mrs. Slaughter and Mrs. Smith taught our 6th grade classes in the year 2001. Something most memorable about this year was the event of 9/11. Some of us were in art or gym or computers during the time of the event. Being a constant CNN television viewer, Mrs. Slaughter let us take the rest of the day off and watch the news.

Entering Junior High was a major milestone for most of our class. Our boys began swimin’ up for football and our girls took on the challenge of “Bump, Set, Spike!” Richard Simmons always seemed to brighten our gloomy days in Mrs. Farrow’s class, although for some it made them gloomier. School dances were always exciting, watching the boys sweat as they courageously asked the girls to dance. Our class has always been an effective and likely to hold the spotlight. Ms. Waggoner took on the task of directing us in two different years this year, both of which were phenomenal! Our last year of Junior High was when our class realized how important we were to each other and how close we all became. Our trip to Washington, DC was a trip that brought many of us closer together and allowed us to interact with other students from New Jersey and Hawaii! Something our class will always be remembered for is our boycott against the lunchroom and cafeteria ladies our 8th grade year. Let this be a lesson to any person it may concern. Don’t take away the salad bar from a bunch of hungry 8th graders, because they will take a stand and choose not to eat the school’s food until they get that salad bar back! Or at least our class did.

Entering into high school was scary at first, but I think we adjusted well. We didn’t fully earn respect until we won the float and hallway competition our freshman year. From this point on, our class was always competitive and known for working together. As Sophomores, we again won the float competition with the “At the Beach” theme. Junior year, our class was probably the most spirited and known as the “rich class.” Around prom time our class finally began to see that we only had one more year together and to make the best of our time left. Senior year has been a success and brought us to the fine young adults we have become. Our boys led us to so many tremendous victories through sports this year. Winning the District Championship in football and being runner-up in Sub-State Final for baseball sponsored for us in the high school and tennis community our senior year, but we all know the fun we had together. Good luck: in all you do, Seniors! We ARE the Champions.
Wathena High School

Class of 2008
Wathena High School
Commencement Exercises
Sunday, May 18, 5:00 p.m.

*Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" ..........Elgar Concert Band

Opening Comments
Commencement Speaker.................................Paul Coffman

"A Mother’s Prayer" ..................................Sager/Foster Mixed Chorus

Salutatorian Address
Valedictorian Address
Presentation of Senior Awards.............Robert W. Blair, Principal Jerry Burks, Counselor

Senior Video
"And Wherever You Go" .............................Wagner Heidi Blair, Neil Clarkson, Elizabeth Douglas

Presentation of Class.............................Robert W. Blair, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas.......Michael Newman, Superintendent Gregg Lewis, USD 406 Board Member Paul Rohde, USD 406 Board Member Joyce Simpson, USD 406 Board Member

Reading of Class Roll............................Janey Cluck

Closing Remarks
*Recessional "Tannhauser March"..........Wagner Henderson Concert Band
Highland Community College Graduates

Associate in Arts
Kimberly Kay Brockhoff Aberle Sabetha, KS
Hope Lorraine Adame Delia, KS
Miranda Rae Adkins Holton, KS
LaJoyce Elizabeth Allen Atchison, KS
Mariah Sue Ames Havensville, KS
Rebecca Ann Antez Olathe, KS
April Dawn Aufenkamp Brownville, NE
Maximillian Sylvester Ayala Kansas City
Erikah Nicole Bahret Soldier, KS
Megan Leigh Barger Watheka, KS
Samantha Elaine Barnett Silver Lake, KS
Kimberly Ann Baumgartner Morrill, KS
Jeanette Marie Bear Watheka, KS
Stacey Dawn Andre Bell Atchison, KS
Michaela Dawn Berg Logan, KS
Wahkunah Avae Blevins Topeka, KS
Bryan Lee Bollig Olathe, KS
Rhonda Leigh Boose Lecompton, KS
Kathryn Renee Boyd Wichita, KS
Bradley Charles Brockhoff Fairview, KS
Carrie Jeanne Brynendy Watheka, KS
Jessica Rae Burgess Manhattan, KS
Jessica Rae Burke Everest, KS
Tristan Lee Janssen Burrow Great Bend, KS
Rebecca Lee Copeland Lawrence, KS
Michael Daniel Gerard Cushiong Omaha, NE
Nathaniel Robert Darrow Manhattan, KS
Samantha JoAnn Donahou St Joseph, MO
Melissa Kaye Drinkard Topeka, KS
Deborah Jo Louise Dunn Horton, KS
Samantha A Durr Topeka, KS
Sтеfany Ann Edelman Bern, KS
Jeffrey Alan Elsbury Hiawatha, KS
Kara Marlene Engelken Centralia, KS
Nichole H Ennekeng Seneca, KS
John Charles Ette Lees Summit, MO
Tad Stephen Eubanks Ottawa, KS
Misty D. Montgomery Fleswelling Holton, KS
Anthony A Foust Lawrence, KS
Courtney Yvonne Funk Highland, KS
Vincent Price Gay III Overland Park, KS
Jessica Dee Gordon Olathe, KS
Jean Ann Allen Gray St Joseph, MO
Rebecca Louise Mills Griffitts McLouth, KS
Cari Diane Gruber Chelmsford, MA
Luke Earl Hagenmaier Randolph, KS
Terence Wyndell Hall Milton, FL
Cortina Renee Hanson Belvue, KS
Robin Michelle Hays Manhattan, KS
Amada Michelle Henkel Junction City, KS
Sarah Mae Hoskins Holton, KS
Katie Brooke Sisk Hunsaker Highland, KS
Kathryn Lee Jeffery Hiawatha, KS
Laura Danielle Johnson Manhattan, KS
Danika LeShon Kimbrough Manhattan, KS
Jennifer Marie King Topeka, KS
Ashleigh Paige Neil Kohler Wamego, KS
Curtanya Bell Lambert Atchison, KS
Kayla Lynn Lasitter Valley Falls, KS
Rita Wendolyn Latimer Olathe, KS
Neil Frank Lednicky Horton, KS
Tyler E Lehmkuhl Hiawatha, KS
Dustin Wade Libel Denton, KS
Gabriel Katerina Lierz Hiawatha, KS
Kody Wade Livengood Sabetha, KS
Johnna Ashley Long Carbondale, KS
Melissa Nicole Looper Blaine, KS
Derek William Losson Troy, KS
Coulter Ferguson Lucas Hiawatha, KS
Holly Marie Luck Manhattan, KS
Pollyanna Kristine Lundy Effingham, KS
Bryce A Marts Manhattan, KS
Jason Ryan Martell Alma, KS
Jacqueline Clare Martin Highland, KS
Rachel Leah McCall Topeka, KS
Rae Neil Brasher McCool Oskaloosa, KS
Amanda Anna Mellies Netawaka, KS
Kimberly Anne Gentry Miller McFarland, KS
Bryan Mokeski Charlotte, NC
Brittney Nicole Monaghan Hiawatha, KS
Erie Marie Rathbun Murphy Manhattan, KS
Brett William Naylor Manhattan, KS
John Matthew Niehues Havensville, KS
Sandra Lynn Eisenbacher Patterson Wetmore, KS
Pamela Ann Stutzman Parker Wamego, KS
Lois J Pierson Pelson Holton, KS
Ryan Scott Peterson Savage, MN
Ronni Jo Poston St Joseph, MO
Annie Jo Ragdale Topeka, KS
Angelina C Reynolds Atchison, KS
Lori Ann Lovell Robinson Maquoketa, Iowa
Casandra Dawn Roscovius Wamego, KS
Curtis J Ross Horton, KS
Troy Jeremiah Schmidt Manhattan, KS
Jason Patrick Scott Manhattan, KS
Aaron Christopher Shaad Horton, KS
Derek Bernard Shaw Holton, KS
Jason Douglas Showman Seneca, KS
Paige Renee Smith Highland, KS
John Randall Sneegas Lawrence, KS
Stephanie Ann Meredith Snow Hoyt, KS
Jared Levi Sunderman Clarinda, IA
Brandy Nichole Talkington Fairbury, NE
Susan Sarah Tangen Sabetha, KS
Neal Curtis Tapp St Joseph, MO
Melissa Dawn Toburen Manhattan, KS
Addison Marie Verdin Watheka, KS
Krista Marie Visselmeyer Seneca, KS
Melissa S Wagner Wamego, KS
Kristin Marie Eisenbach Watkins Whiting, KS
Terra Renee Weiland Highland, KS
Sheynene Nicole Werner Horton, KS
Erie Grae Whitlow Lansing, KS
Stephanie Jo Wilburn Highland, KS
Douglas Robert Williams Waverly, KS
Callie JoAnn Williams Olsburg, KS
John Michael Williams Hiawatha, KS
Shayle Lane Williams McPherson, KS
DeWayne A Wright Ft Riley, KS
Amanda Nicole Zenyer St George, KS

Associate in Science
Jennifer Lynn Abbott Savannah, MO
Shawna Layne Adkins Rossville, KS
LaJoyce Elizabeth Allen Atchison, KS
JuanCarlos Tamayo Arana Marysville, KS
April Dawn Aufenkamp Brownville, NE
Stacy Erin Barnes Powhattan, KS
Michaela Dawn Berg Logan, KS
Cherika Melinda Boeing Kansas City, KS
Bradley James Brunckow Onaga, KS
Brian James Clark St Marys, KS
Amanda Michelle Covert Hiawatha, KS
Paula Elaine Downing-Johnson Atchison, KS
Samothna A Durr Topeka, KS
Tad Stephen Eubanks Ottawa, KS
Jordan R Faller Falls City, NE
Colt Ray Forney Denton, KS
Stacey Deanne Dunkin Topeka, KS
Timothy Justin Fowler Wichita, KS
Rebecca Louise Mills Griffitts McLouth, KS
Monica Anne Kretschmer St Marys, KS
Rita Wendolyn Latimer Olathe, KS
Brandon Lee Leander Hiawatha, KS
Johnna Ashley Long Carbondale, KS
Allison Danielle Maddox Marion, KS
Donna McNulty McCulloch Watheka, KS
Amanda Anna Mellies Netawaka, KS
Lindsey Crawford Mills Topeka, KS
Marcus Allen Murrow Manhattan, KS
Brett William Naylor Manhattan, KS
Nicole Guse’ Perryman McPherson, KS
Nolan Andrew Putnam Perry, KS
Mandy Holthaus Rengstorf Marysville, KS
Archie Jack Smith Palmyra, NE
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Ashley Diane Stewart Highland, KS
Jessica Lynn Sutherland Troy, KS
Carl Wayne Tharman Atchison, KS
Sandra Marie Tucker Oskaaloosa, KS
Jacob Tyler White Bucyrus, KS
John Michael Williams Hiawatha, KS
Shayle Lanee Williams McPherson, KS
Hayley Marie Wyatt Wathena, KS
Melissa Ann Zimmerman Topeka, KS

Aaron Yale Ogle Atchison, KS
Kathleen Elizabeth Pyle Hiawatha, KS
Angelia C Reynolds Atchison, KS
Stephanie Marie Sanchez Topeka, KS
Dana Frances White-Swearingen Blue Rapids, KS
Sterling Sage Wist Hiawatha, KS
Jamee Lynne Yost Manhattan, KS

Associate in
Applied Science
Allison N Anderson Auburn, NE
Tyler William Bolt Jennings, KS
Bradley Charles Brockhoff Fairview, KS
Kristina Marie Love Callianah Louisville, KS
Stepheni Schockey Chamberlin Topeka, KS
Carla Diane Clark Mayetta, KS
Solene Donna-M. A. Donker Wamego, KS
Benjamin Theophil Frohman Atchison, KS
Paula Elaine Downing-Johnson Atchison, KS
Benjamin Scott Emery Atchison, KS
Jessica Nicole List Hampton Manhattan, KS
Blair Louise Havercamp Home, KS
Cheryl Ann Bell Johnson Alma, KS
Adam Christian Kennedy Roeland Park, KS
Valissa Rebecca Kraus St Joseph, MO
Susanne Weisbrich Litrell Topeka, KS
Ted Lynn McCoy Muscotah, KS
Darryl Lee Meng Troy, KS
Kevin Lewis Muellbach St Joseph, MO

Associate in
General Studies
Michael Jon Amarual Lansing, KS
Michael Clay Brissett Troy, KS
David Leroy Burggraf Lawrence, KS
Karen Elizabeth Chmiliding Topeka, KS
Keith Alan Croze Mayetta, KS
Jason Todd Davis El Dorado Springs, MO
Larry Michael Edwards St Louis, MO
Susan G Eisenbarth Circleville, KS
Shawn Michael Flott Topeka, KS
April Nicole Gillian Chillicothe, MO
Evan Joseph Hawkins Quenemo, KS
Amy Michelle Kiker Wamego, KS
Jacob Wayne Mayberry Edgerton, KS
Kole Michael McAuley Leona, KS
Lance Robert Nelson Gower, MO
Nicole Elizabeth Olson Hiawatha, KS
Jessica Rose Perlise Atchison, KS
Nikki Lynn Rinkes Holton, KS
Ronald Anthony Staten Kansas City, MO
Sean Michael Vernon Benda, KS
Kelsa Lea Wohletz Denton, KS

Humorous Graduation Quotes

"Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After twenty-two years of child-raising, they are unemployed." – Erma Bombeck

"A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical gowns and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success." – Robert Orben

"People will frighten you about a graduation..... They use words you don't hear often. And we wish you Godspeed." – Bill Cosby

It is a warning, Godspeed. It means you are no longer welcome here at these prices." – Bill Cosby

Inspirational Graduation Quotes

"Sooner or later we all discover that the important moments in life are not the advertised ones, not the birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, the not the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory unannounced, stray dogs thatamble in, sniff around a bit and simply never leave. Our lives are measured by these." – Susan B. Anthony

"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies 'commencement exercises'. Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning." – Ben Hewett

"All that stands between the graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder." – Student

"Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference." – Arne Penziv

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." – Dr. Seuss

"Just about a month from now I'm set adrift, with a diploma for a sail and lots of nerves for oars." – Richard Halliburton

"The man who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after." – Newton D. Baker

Words of Wisdom

PEACE
"When the choice is to be right or to be kind, always make the choice that brings peace." 
Dr. Wayne Dyer

HAPPINESS
"Happiness is neither virtue nor pleasure nor this thing nor that simply growth. We are happy when we are growing." 
William Butler Yeats

LOVE
"If you have it, you don't need to have anything else, and if you don't have it, it doesn't matter what else you have." 
Sir James M. Barrie

FAITH
"All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." 
Ralph Waldo Emerson

WISDOM
"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise..." 
Proverbs 13:20

ATTITUDE
"Any fact facing us is not as important as our attitude toward it, for that determines our success or failure." 
Norman Vincent Peale

CHOICE
"You are the sum total of all of your choices up to now." 
Dr. Wayne Dyer

VISION
"The beauty there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead." 
Louisa May Alcott

GOALS
"Goals are dreams we convert to plans and take action to fulfill." 
Zig Ziglar

MOTIVATION
"People are always blaming circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who got on in this world are the people who got up and looked for the circumstances they wanted and if they can't find them, made them." 
George Bernard Shaw

PERSISTENCE
"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." 
Calvin Coolidge

SUCCESS
"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." 
Henry David Thoreau

GIVING
"One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." 
Proverbs 11:24

GRADING
"The high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than to rule..." 
Albert Einstein
Elwood Senior Class of 2008
By Class President Jordan Griswold

The 2008 senior class of Elwood High School could be described as a close knit group. We participated in many activities and sporting events without leaving anyone out. Most of the class have been together since kindergarten. A few of us can even say we survived the devastating flood of '93.

At this point most of the seniors have decided what the next step of their life holds for them. We have a few, however, who are still undecided. The class valedictorian will be attending Baker University in the fall. We also have approximately seven students that plan to attend Highland Community College. There is one student that will be joining the Army after graduation and another that is considering the Navy Reserves. At this point in time, there are any variations in pathways as we try to find the right future for ourselves.

We have a senior class of 22 students. We are a very close class, as was mentioned earlier. We spend time together during the school week, but even weekends find us at the park playing basketball or just catching up with what has happened. If you miss a day of school, one of the fellow seniors would catch you up on what went on in government class. We had the "No Senior Left Behind Policy" and we used it well.

The class will continue to meet with each other following graduation to learn about adult life and play a game of basketball. Sports are a big part of many of their lives. They played hard all season long and had the honor of putting a 2008 Sub State basketball banner on the gym wall. That was a great accomplishment that will live within the senior's memories for the long years to come.

The teachers will all remember the senior class anytime they hear the question, "can we get extra credit?!" Our class has chosen cobalt blue and mellow yellow for our class colors. Our flower is a Lily and our song is still undecided. The motto is "in order to know where you're going, you have to know where you have been." All our seniors would agree they are proud to know they came from Elwood High School and they will use that "motto" wherever they go.

Best Wishes
Graduates!

Pony Express
Community Bank
Elwood, KS

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Dennis Muse & family
Elwood, KS.

We're Proud of you, Grads!
City of Elwood
Governing Body & employees
Congratulations to the graduating class of 2008. We hope you’ll continue to follow the path to success. Our best wishes go out to you at this exciting time in your life.

Good luck, graduates!

The Kansas Chief

staff and Foley family