

"I WAS SO NERVOUS!" exclaims Miranda Coon. Miranda gave the valedictory speech for 2000.

We've only just begun to live our lives.



Hawaii.



"I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!" states Steve Lowell. Steve was one of the twenty-four students to graduate from Ashley High School this year. He actually got to wear the special graduation lei that his grandfather sent him from

CLASS OF 2000! The class of 2000 poses for a last picture before they do the annual hat-toss. All twenty-four of the graduating seniors are

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"For a long time I thought graduation was the end, but about three hours before-hand I realized it was only the beginning," said Kevin Fabus. Kevin gave the closing speech at graduation which, of course, included a football analogy, and purposely did not say any good-byes. It is merely the beginning for 2000's seniors. Kevin stated, "Good-byes don't mark the end."

Miranda Coon's valedictory speech proved to be quite fitting and very powerful. Valerie Miller stated, "It really made me think about all of the memories that we shared here together at Ashley schools and how much I am going to miss everything." With her voice trembling and her arms shaking, Miranda stood tall and braved out her speech as valedictorian of Ashley High School for 2000.

Preceding Miranda was Amy Dawson's Salutatory address, which was also very powerful. Ranked second in her class she spoke to her fellow classmates for some reminiscing and a few last words of advice.

Even though these seniors have graduated, they will never be forgotten. They couldn't exactly be classified as any certain type of group but they were like family to each other. -Amy Walter