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The following is a list of graduating seniors who reported their post-HHS plans in a College Office survey. Special thanks are owed to College Office staff Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Abner for processing the surveys. Congratulations to the Class of 2011 from *The Dispatch*!

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FAREWELL ADDRESSES:



Natasha Stollmack
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The past several weeks have been an absolute whirlwind. We've been finishing projects, taking final exams, signing yearbooks, making prom plans, attending the first round of graduation parties, and all the while facing the mix of emotions that have come to the surface as our high school graduation nears. Our academic performance and achievements throughout the past thirteen years of our education have come down to today, where we will no longer rely on movies and TV shows to imagine what it feels like to walk across the stage and receive our diploma.

At times (well, most of the time), we've complained about good ol' Huntington High School, and have talked about how excited we are to get out of here and start something new in the fall...but I think that over the last few weeks, the Class of 2011 has realized how much we love

HHS. Sure, hall sweeps were ridiculous and the dress code was a pain; yes, we've all gone on for four years about what's bugged us at school. Yet when I truly think about it, it's not these little annoyances that will remain in my mind when I think back on high school, but rather the fond memories of my most valuable experiences, teachers and friends.

In 20 or 30 years when our kids ask us what it was that we loved about high school, I guarantee that we will all have something personally special to offer them. Whether that memory will be your lucky time spent as an art student in Mr. Potter's classroom, an athlete who was able to go to State Championships for the first time, or maybe even becoming a drum major of the marching band, I sincerely hope that all of us hold on to the wonderful times we've had thanks to the opportunities we've been given at HHS.

Of course we'll remember the trials and tribulations too; every child and grandchild of a 2011 graduate will probably hear the Homecoming float story at least 20 times throughout their lives. Fortunately, being the humble and understanding people that we are, we'll turn it into a lesson on how not every economics teacher you encounter in life judges fairly.

To every senior in cap and gown today, I congratulate you and wish you all the best in everything you pursue. There are so many strong, unique passions that span the Class of 2011, and my hope is that all of us will take every necessary measure to keep our passions present in our lives. ***"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive"*** (Howard Thurman).



Carrie Fante
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I'm sure by now you are all tired of hearing me speak, and of reading things that I write. For this I am sorry. But it has been four great years, not just in this school, but of writing for *The Dispatch*, and I just could not let this opportunity pass to again thank my class.

Though divided at times, I truly believe that we are an amazing class. In theater, art, music, athletics, academics, and in every other area that we have ventured, we have accomplished remarkable things. The wide range of incredible

schools to which we have been accepted is a testament to that, not to mention the many awards and accolades that we have received. I think we're going to be a tough act to follow.

My favorite thing about this class is that we never stopped caring. I am sure there are many people reading this right now (if in fact there is anyone reading it- I thoroughly understand that I have written too many things of this nature over the past year) who would disagree and say they are done with high school. I'm not going to argue that we are excited for college- what I mean is that people did not just get into college and abandon the past four years. People kept volunteering, planning things, and some even kept doing their schoolwork. There are several groups on Facebook that prove that we were not just willing to let other people dictate the end of our year (and while we may have overdone it in that case- if anything it proves that we still care).

Thank you to all those who have read the paper over the past four years. I have especially enjoyed every article that featured a member of my class, because I got to learn more about the amazing things we all do. And to all the parents who might be reading this, thank you as well. We would not be here without you—but more on that in my speech, which I imagine if you are reading this graduation issue, you will have the opportunity to hear. For now, congratulations, and best of luck to the class of 2011!

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