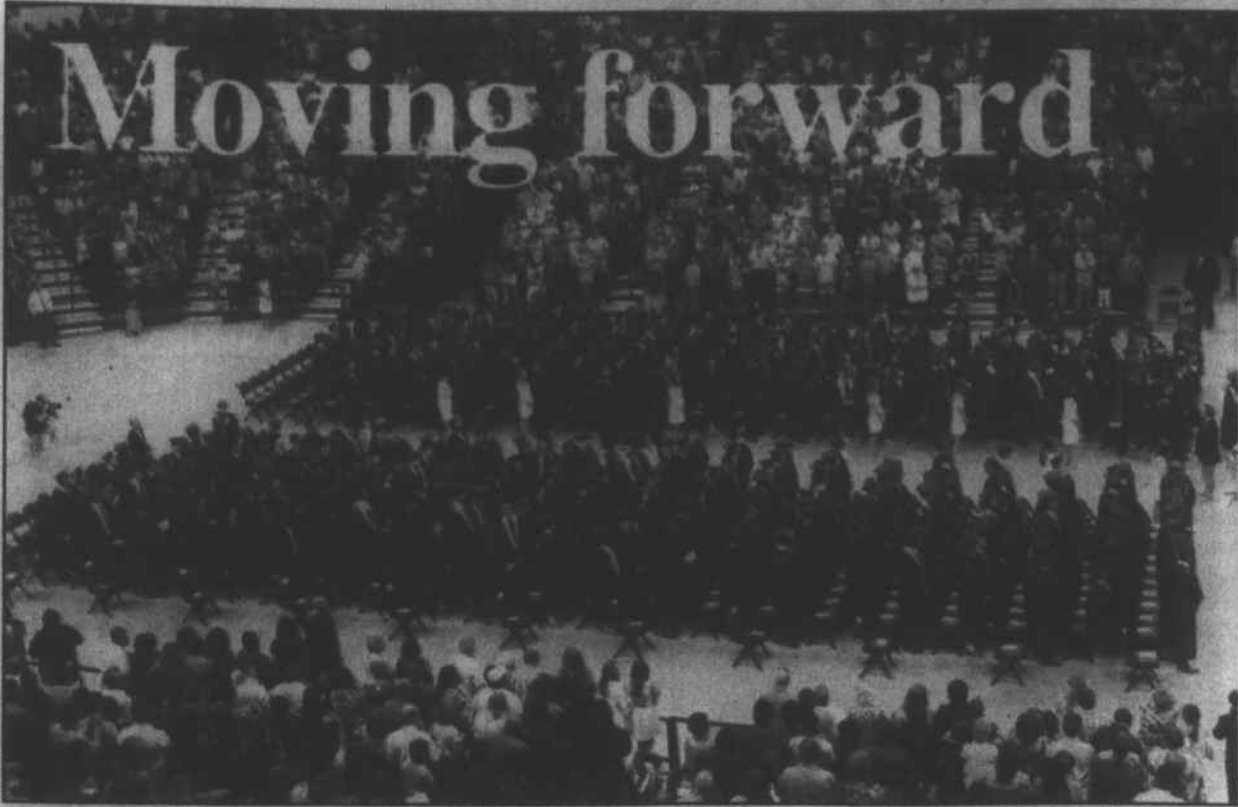


HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2016



According to school officials, more than 400 seniors received their diplomas from East Forsyth High School during the commencement ceremony held inside the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, June 11.



Lakira Leak yells in excitement after receiving her diploma from Parkland High School during the commencement ceremony held on Saturday, June 11 inside the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex.

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Last weekend all 14 high schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (WS/FCS) held graduation ceremonies for the class of 2016. According to WS/FCS, more than 3,000 seniors walked across the stage and into the life of adulthood

during various ceremonies held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

While delivering the commencement address to the graduating class at Carver High School, 97.1 WQMG on-air personality Busta Brown told the class of 2016 that it's time to get it done. As they waited patiently to receive their diplomas inside the

Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex on Saturday afternoon, Brown said, "Never envy or compare yourself with another person's greatness.

"The only person you compare yourself to is the person you were yesterday," he continued. "When you compare your greatness to another person's greatness, you may miss

that you took a step forward."

Other schools that held graduation ceremonies on Saturday were, John F. Kennedy, North Forsyth, R.J. Reynolds, Walkertown, Reagan, East Forsyth and Parkland. When describing his fellow classmates during his speech, Parkland valedictorian Roark McLean quoted

rapper Drake when describing the journey through high school.

"We started from the bottom now we're here," said McLean. "It has been a long hard journey but we made it. I know there are great plans for all of us as we move forward in life."

Graduation exercises for Mt. Tabor, Atkins, Carter, Glenn and West

Forsyth were held on Friday, June 10. Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy capped off the weekend of celebration on Sunday, June 12, during a ceremony held at K.R. Williams Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.



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Last weekend, all 14 high schools in the local district held graduation ceremonies for the class of 2016. During the ceremonies held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex building, thousands of family members, friends, and others showed up to cheer on the graduates.



East Forsyth principal Rodney Bass presents Mary Joyce Cooper her high school diploma during the graduation ceremony held last Saturday, June 11, at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

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