

Another wonderful day on Friday!! I hope that one day you each will have a chance to come and see IHS again! Marty Jacobs, Susan Russell Walsh, Ilene Barr Skolnik and I attended Class Day and had a great time.

We were greeted by students wearing the IHS uniform of khaki pants and blue logo shirt and they were very welcoming! A young man with a very nice voice led us in the Star Spangled Banner and there was an ROTC color guard on stage for the pledge. There seemed to be more parents in the audience this year and we don't think that the juniors were in audience as in the past. The seniors who are receiving awards are always on the stage and the remainder of the class is in the auditorium. The program started with a very nice modern dance by members of the MultiPot dance group which has been active at the school for several years. It was very well done...and very well received by the students.

Marty commented that each year our scholarship is announced earlier in the program. They seem to know that we are here to stay!! Several of the speakers - including the former president of the Board of Education - mentioned the support that the school is getting from the alums and we were greeted warmly by the people we had met in our meeting last October.

When it was our turn Marty described how the scholarship started and mentioned that both of his parents graduated from IHS in 1929 - that brought a lot of cheers! He presented our awards to Ronald and Carolyn, both of whom were there and talked about Andrew. He mentioned that we were waiting to finalize the awards to Erica and Stephanie. We want to let everyone know that we support our winners for the full four years of college.

I gave out our two awards to Dolani and Dahannah and they were both very excited to receive them. They both had won several other awards and certificates and I think we have two talented winners this year. Dahannah is going to William and Mary so I prefaced my award to her with the fact that I had been waitlisted at William and Mary!! The class all laughed and when I handed her the check she said "I'll enjoy it for both of us!" I thought that was so wonderful of her to think to say that....what poise!

We usually end with the singing of the Alma Mater - it was actually on the program - but it didn't happen. One of the woman sitting in front of us said it was because the student who was going to lead us had to leave the auditorium. Susan and I both really missed it and said that we would have been glad to lead the singing!!!

After we took some pictures Ronald asked if he could talk to us for a minute. We met in the shade next to the steps of the high school. Ronald thanked us for all the support we've given him - not only just the financial support. He thanked us for giving him a father figure in Ron Burke! When he graduates he wants to lead his class - the Class of 2007 - in supporting the Alumni Fund. He even said he would eventually like to take over Marty's role as President! Dahannah is his cousin and he'll be going down to William and Mary in August to help her move into her dorm. He promised he'd send us some pictures!

All in all - another great Class Day.

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