

Banning High School Commencement Speeches

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Class Valetorian Shylo Waite-Smith

Banning High School commencement speech for valetorian Shylo Waite, as it was submitted to the Record Gazette:

Last week I was named the valetorian for the class of 2014 and I never really thought about writing a speech until just recently, because I'm deathly afraid of speaking in front of others. I really want to thank all of the teachers and staff at this school and in the district for all their support and dedication. I'd like to thank my family and friends as well for all their motivation and love, they have pushed me to become successful. Without the people around me I would not be where I am today. My time in school has been so absorbed with keeping up with deadlines as well as trying to maintain a social life. For those that truly know me, I've broken many stereotypes by being given this honor of valetorian. I've proven that one doesn't need to make school their only priority to be successful. There just needs to be a balance between fun and work. Personally, I'm a huge procrastinator and each day I came to school I ended the day saying how much I hated it. Honestly, I'm going to miss it and everyone here. I grew up in this town, and watched the people around me grow, I could not be more proud of the class of 2014 for being in front of me today. After all we've been put through, **we finally made it!**