



*As the premier year of the cougar faded into memories and recollections, students looked back upon the times shared between themselves and their friends. Enjoyment and anticipation filled their hearts as they prepared to ascend to the next step of their stairway of life. They not only braced themselves to face the unfamiliar issues and diverse controversies in the years to come, but they also prepared themselves for graduation into maturity and new responsibilities in which the future might possess.*

*While freshmen looked forward to their upcoming transition from the academy into the main building, sophomores gained their titles as upperclassmen. As they began filling out college applications and scholarship forms, juniors realized how close they were to adulthood. Seniors exhaled as they prepared themselves for graduation day and the real world.*

*As the singer and songwriter Whitney Houston once said, children are the future. Students have learned from their teachers and their mentors how to become leaders, and have shown appreciation for the morals and values they have received throughout this past year. With the closing of this first chapter, we look forward to turning the pages in the years to come.*

*-Charles Hoffman*

