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Many seniors were excited about their last year of school. "I've been waiting twelve years for this day," said Jamone Blake. "I'm just glad that it's finally here."

The Class of '96 started with 520 freshmen, with 312 marching as graduating seniors. When asked what he thought of this, Coach Adams simply said that he was "happy for the ones whose hard work paid off."

The seniors were honored with the traditional senior breakfast in the Commons the day before exams started. "The breakfast was a nice gesture," said Devon Waddlington. "I was hungry."

The seniors then had several days of "freedom" if they were exempt from exams. They congregated at the stadium at 8:30 Friday morning to rehearse for the big Saturday event.

"I am so excited about the graduation because it will allow me to leave home and explore the world," said senior Jerodney Spicer. "Go me!"

O.J. McDowell delivered the Valedictory address as the graduate with the highest grade point average.

— Mikelle Thomas

Waiting for instructions are junior marshals Mike Turner, Emily Risher, Jamaal Hudson, Margaret Young, Meridith Cobb, Leah Steele, and Ashley Heaton. The ten juniors with the highest academic average served as marshals to escort the seniors onto the field.