## Peabody grads say goodbye to alma mater

By Logan Watson

The Peabody High School Class of 2022 chartered a new course Friday night, setting sail into unfamiliar waters toward an uncertain future, but no matter how far the waters of life may take them, the Golden Tide will always be waiting to guide them back home.

As the students waited to take their last walk across the field at Walter Kilzer Stadium, Peabody High School Teacher of the Year Jill Bibb reminded them that, no matter where they go, their friends and family at their alma mater will always be a safe port in life's chaotic storms.

"The words to the Peabody High School alma mater were the first quiz grade you ever had when you entered my freshman English class," Bibb reminded the students. "The Latin words 'alma mater' literally means 'nourishing mother.' Peabody High School nourished you much more than just the breakfasts and lunches served to you. Always look back with pride that Peabody High School was your alma mater, your nourishing mother. When you walk out of this stadium tonight, you may not realize it, but this network of people have lovingly nurtured you. You have been loved by the biggest group of people that you'll ever be loved by. We have worked unquestionably hard to start you on a path to a most successful and happy future. You've had an interconnected network of peo-

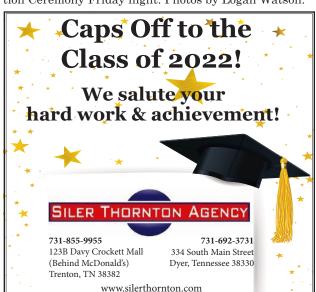
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in you. Make us proud. wherever we are in our lives, we still have Class President Jew- many people who truly helping them reach this each of us throughout



CLASS PRESIDENT JEWEL BODKINS speaks to her classmates during the PHS Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony Friday night. Photos by Logan Watson.

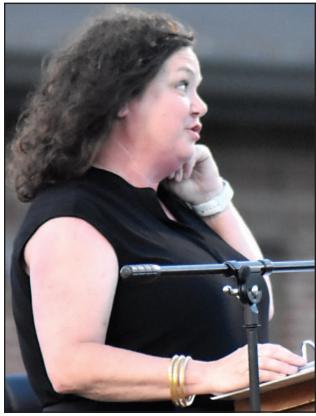


our years here. We al-"Peabody and the ways know that if we community need a shoulder to cry support you. We believe makes it known that on, someone to vent to, a friend to joke with or even someone to help us, the Peabody faculty can do just that. I know I can speak for my class when I say that we appreciate you and you will never go unnoticed. Because of you, I am proud that I attended such a great school and I will cherish Peabody in my heart forever."

As she delivered her parting words to her classmates, Bodkins challenged the Class of 2022 to look back on their time at PHS with fondness, but to keep reaching for their goals.

"Let's not forget that graduation is a time to remember and a time to dream; a time to look

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR - Jill Bibb. PHS Teacher of the Year, reminds her students how much they are loved. Photos by Logan Watson.



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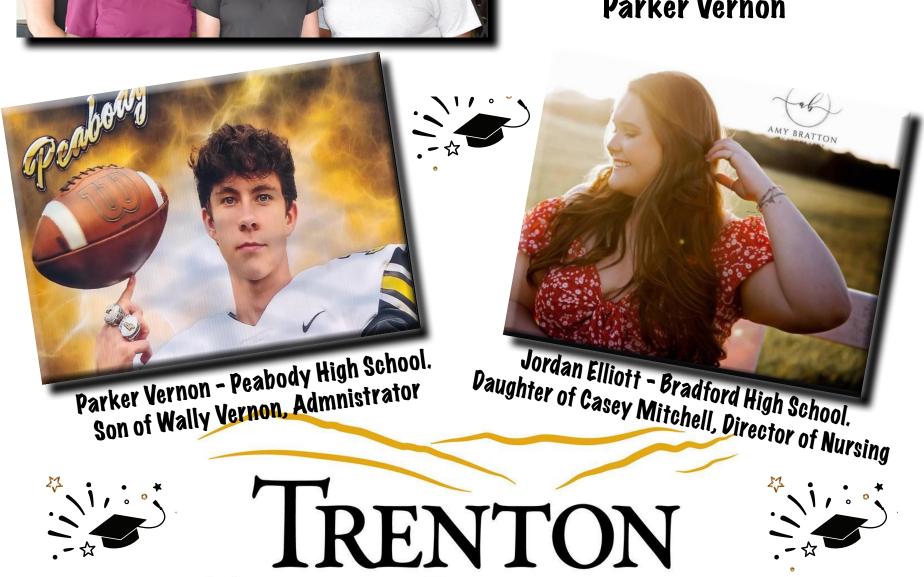
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