

From the District Superintendent

On behalf of the board of education and the administrative team, we would like to extend you all a sincere and heartfelt congratulations on your recent accomplishment!

Completing this step on your journey only opens up possibilities moving ahead. You should be very proud of your accomplishments and you should have confidence due to the challenges you have been presented and overcame.

As your Superintendent for the past four years, I've watched you grow both academically and personally and I couldn't be more proud of the progress you have made. You all entered into high school the same year I was granted the opportunity to lead this district and it has been an amazing experience watching your growth over the past four years.

I mentioned earlier that you have made tremendous progress and have grown so much over the past four years. That is true, but I believe what I am most proud to have witnessed is your compassion for others and your sense of service. Academics, athletics and extracurricular activities are all very important, but in observing you all for the past four years I have been blessed to witness a servant leadership attitude from your class that makes me swell with pride. Demonstrating a desire to serve others and help out whenever needed is something that you can develop over time, but I firmly believe this is something that you learn at home, in the communities that you grow up in and certainly something that we hope to reinforce during your tenure at Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School. You have learned this valuable skill well and demonstrated that throughout your years here and for that I'm grateful.

I will end with these final thoughts. Thank you for making this a better place for others than it was when you started. Thank you for serving, and leading the rest of the students and providing the example that we are all proud to follow. We wish you all nothing but success and we hope that all your dreams come true. Always remember, once a Knight, always a Knight! #GoKnights

Mr. Shannon Cheek
Superintendent

From the ALAH HS Principal

Dear Graduates:

As you entered the hallways of Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School four short years ago, you came as the largest class in our history. The Class of 2023 had a reputation in elementary and junior high as being athletic and smart. The faculty and staff couldn't wait for you to arrive.

Your freshman year was interrupted by a global pandemic and continued through your sophomore and most of your junior year. There were many things during your high school career that were very different from a typical four year journey. One year you had the Homecoming football game in the spring, you played volleyball after basketball, and you wore masks for a year and a half at school. Social distancing, contact tracing and COVID testing were regular phrases we were all too familiar with. Not once did you ever let this define you or your high school career. You took the challenges and turned them around. You figured out how to have dances and plays, how to be remote if you needed to be. You never gave up.

As a matter of fact, through your high school career we have had more regional, sectional and state playoff games than in any other four years. Not only are you athletically talented and fiercely competitive, you are smart. Your hard work set a school record of bringing in over 1.3 million dollars in scholarships and awards.

Yes, over one point three million dollars.

But your education isn't just about academics, athletics or music and chorus performances. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, *"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."* We know you can think critically. We know that you are intense thinkers. We believe in your character. Don't stop with what you have learned here. Now it is time for you to take these pieces and make our world a better place. Your senior quote talks about being good at whatever you are. I challenge you to be not only good at whatever you are, but to also be kind. You will never regret being kind.

As you exit the doors of Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School for the last time as a student, I hope you will reflect on your time here positively and I look forward to welcoming you as an alumni of this wonderful school district.

Congratulations,
Mrs. Seegmiller

