

Amherst Central
High School

Amherst, New York



*Eighty-Eighth
Commencement*

Sunday, June 28th, 2020
4:00 PM on WBBZ Channel 5 and
Streaming on ACHS Facebook Page

Program

SUPERINTENDENT’S GREETING.....Mr. Anthony Panella

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT.....Sophie Smith & Valerie Sullivan
Class of 2020 Treasurer & Secretary

VALEDICTION.....Benjamin Mekinulov
President, Class of 2020

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER.....Morgan Halt
Vice President, Class of 2020

KEYNOTE SPEAKER.....Ms. Julie Pace
Washington Bureau Chief at the Associated Press

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

SLIDE SHOW~REFLECTIONS: *A Special Thank You to*
Paige Baumgartner & Emily Starkweather

ALMA MATER.....ACHS Concert Chorale

REMARKS.....Mr. Gregory Pigeon
Principal

BENEDICTION {Traditional Irish Blessing}.....Owen Goldsmith
Amherst Central High School Senior Class Concert Chorale

RECESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar



ALMA MATER

Voices hymn thy valiant praises
Hearts thy halls enshrine
May our loyalty unceasing,
Amherst, e'er be thine.

'Neath thy towers facing northward
We shall always be
Ever faithful, Alma Mater,
To thy memory.

When we leave thy halls of learning
Paths of life to stray,
May your guidance never ending
Light us on our way.

'Neath thy towers facing northward
We shall always be
Ever faithful, Alma Mater,
To thy memory.



Candidates for Graduation

June 2020

Dalya Ahmed Al Ani	Madeleine Ruth Buisch*
Moumen Al Sayyed	Benjamin Michael Buscaglia
Nada Dheyaa Mustafa Al Sheikh	Caroline Clark Cassety
Daniel Alexander Alicea	Breanna Cassick
Rashawn Marlowe Allen	Christian James Chambers
Elnaz Amini	Kevin Jia Wei Chen
Jalen Ryan Aponte	Sang Par Chin
Kayleigh Elizabeth Aquino	Jonah Christos Christakis
Sawyer Aston	Aden Michael Clemente*
Chance Mac Backus	Nyna Marie Cohen
Bianca Marcella Balesteri	Jacob Patrick Conley
Serena Bangia*	Myles Montgomery Cooper
Sonya Bangia*	David George Costanza
Jack Read Bardeen	Evan Patrick Czora
Natalie Eve Woo Young Basehart	Kaya Monyvette Davis
Paige Elizabeth Baumgartner	Angelo DeShawn Dean
Joshua Michael Beck	Benny Chuck Dean, Jr.
Olivia Anissa Belkorchi	Max Arthur Dean
Bryn Mikayla Biersbach	Kindu Louis Avery DeBold, Jr.
Alena Kathleen Bishop-Hoffman	Angelina Talina DeLeon
Prakriti Biswa	Prajwal Dhimal
Ryan David Bitka	Hasan Mark Dobbins
Zachary Taylor Black	Melissa Jean Duffy
Mia D. Boccabella	Sierra Fay Dunworth
Owen Christopher Boccabella*	Trinity Hope Elliott
Alexis Marie Bradley	Lillianna Engelhaupt
Madison Jane Bragg	Jacob Graeme Faller*
Aiden Patrick Brandt	Savanna Jane Falsone
Kara Renee Braun	Andrew Roman Falzone
Alyssa Marsette Brice	Hannah Michelle Farewell-Panzica

Taylor Marie Farewell-Panzica	Jaafar Jawad Kadoom
Christopher Nathan Feger	Sawyer Louis Kaiser
Emanuel Luis Francisco*	Jason Charles Kellam-Lewis
Tahjama Raïne Gaines	Donaven Devon Kemp
Jacob Richard Galarneau*	Alexander Gregory Klee*
Nicholas Genco	Devin Robert Klose
Alexandria Dena Summer Germele	Erika Ann Kozlowski
Maddison Noelle Giarrizzo	Emma Lynn Kulik
Sophie Anna Glodzik	Abigail Grace LaBoy*
Joseph Anthony Gnozzo	Shamica Unique Lane
Charles Nicholas Gray	Sophia Mary Lawrence*
Samuel John Greco*	Ian Thomas Leising
Brooke Ann Gregorio	Benjamin Wolffe Levine
Ani Sorì Gribbin*	KamBrianna Tierra Lewis
Calvin K. Grieff	Zachary Ryan Liddick
Mia Grohman	Victoria Rose Mancuso
Maxana Grubb	Mia Di Laura Mansour
Marcus Antoine Maurice Hall	Adreana Marie Marino
Morgan Shannon Halt*	Gregory Richard Marion
Nicholas Renko Harbison	Jillian Michele Marmion
Jaden Ricardo Harris	Marlena Magdalena Marti
Hasan Rasim Hasan	Jillian Marfino Martin
Natalie Elaine Hazelet	Sarah Jiang-Xia Mattern
Andrew David Hazzan	Tyler Xintong Mattern*
Gwyneth Anne Hammann Henderson	Damien Zen Maybee
Arianna Faith Hills	Audriana Joelle Mazzara
Allison Julia Howard*	Vincent Gasper Mazzara
Kyle Thomas Hudson	Ronald Anthony McCarley II
Kathryn Joyce Humphrey	Ke'Aira Rose McHugh
Adam Willine Huston	Anna Rose McKenna*
Sarah Lynn Ivory	Jackson Edward McKenna
Lily Crystal Jaipaulsingh-Moran	Brianna Asia McRae
Imari Armond Jenkins	Benjamin Mekinulov
Ariana Jaierra Johnson*	McKenzie Lynn Mellen
Adam Anthony Jones	Caden Charles Menegaux

Leigh Emerson Moeser
Sarah Elizabeth Moley
Lorelei Rose Montgomery
Ryan Richard Moore
Moh'd Noor Muriesh
Acea Riley Murphy
Anthony James Musca
Ian Robert Nettleton
John Martin O'Dea
Nicholas Bryson-George O'Neil
Thomas Gabriel Olson
Joseph Benjamin Omilian
Trever Thorne Otwell
Alexander Paul Paplow
Bridget Helen Pardo
Maggie Elizabeth Parobek
Marko Paso
Daniel Kradberg Pedersen
Clare Gray-Lynn Peifly
Ely Robert Personius*
Chymia Cyan Pickett
Cayden Sinclair Piegza
Destanie Angelle Piepenburg
Benjamin James Radice
Prabin Rai
Liam Kenneth Ramsey
Mehdie Raza
Jocelyn Elizabeth Reagan
Shaun Patrick Regan
Alana Hope Reynolds*
Nicholas Alexander Riley
Jonathan Rafael Rivera
Emmanuel Julio Rodriguez Davis
Malachai Jovani Rodriguez
Ian Cooper Roma*

Maxwell David Rosen
Hannah Marie Rotterman
Hakem Mohamed Saeed
Christopher Robin Sansone
Rae Cloud Sansone
Maurice Tyrone Sessum, Jr.
Eliza Rose Shook*
Olivia Virginia Shortt
Phillip Regan Sides
Julia Elizabeth Siegel
John Patrick Simmons
William Gregory Simson
Sophie Elizabeth Smith*
Rachel Marie Spychaj*
Zachary Vinton Stabler
Ryan Michael Stark*
Emily Rose Starkweather*
Hannah Bradizza Stasiewicz
Jaylen Cornelius Stewart
Byron Charles Stickels, V*
Samuel John Stoddard
Dominic Michael Suess
Logan Alexander Sullivan
Valerie Elise Sullivan
Anya Florence Szafran*
Marissa Kathryn Tan*
Emma Ann Tanevich
Michael R. Testa
Oakley Joseph Thomas
William Henry Thomas IV
Kaitlin Marie Tojek
Brandon L. Toth
Adam Michos Turcotte
Max Emery Tyler
Erina Sabrin Uddin

Chloe Mildred Vahue
Grace Ann Vogel
Payge Kameron Vukelic*
Gavin Isaiah Warren
Emily Rose Watkins
Jeremy Ian Werbow

Noah Amanuel Woldu
Philip Jacob Woods
Cordelia Rose Wright
Mackenzie Jane Zent
Hannah Lauren Zimmerman

* Denotes High Honor Roll Graduates

Students may be wearing the following honor cords:

Gold ~ National Honor Society

Orange ~ Amherst Academies CTE Technical Endorsement

Red & Gold ~ Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)



We would like to recognize the following students who will be joining the Armed Forces after Graduation.

Evan Czora ~ Army

Zachary Stabler ~ National Guard



Scholarships and Financial Incentives Earned by the Class of 2020

Kayleigh Aquino: Hobart & William Smith College ~ Presidential Scholarship/St. Bonaventure University ~ Dean's Scholarship/Fordham University ~ Merit Scholarship

Serena Bangia: Cleveland Institute of Music ~ CIM Scholarship & Music Award

Sonya Bangia: Indiana University ~ Jacobs School of Music Academic Excellence Award, Premiere Young Artist Award, & Jacob's Supplemental Award

Paige Baumgartner: SUNY at Fredonia ~ Dean's Scholar Award/Niagara University ~ Dean's Scholarship/Savannah College of Arts & Design ~ Academic Honors Scholarship

Joshua Beck: Canisius College ~ Magis Scholarship

Alena Bishop-Hoffman: University at Buffalo ~ Provost Scholarship/Mercyhurst College ~ Merit Scholarship

Owen Boccabella: University of Pittsburg ~ Tuition Exchange Scholarship/Pennsylvania State University ~ Presidential Scholarship/Drexel University ~ Presidential Scholarship & Grant/Binghamton University ~ Merit Scholarship

Madison Bragg: SUNY at Geneseo ~ Merit Scholarship/SUNY at Oswego ~ Merit Scholarship

Kara Braun: Medaille College ~ Trustee's Scholarship

Madeleine Buisch: Agnes Scott College ~ Elizabeth Kiss Trailblazer Scholarship, ASC Grant, & Presbyterian Scholarship

Aden Clemente: Duke University ~ Provost Scholarship/Case Western University ~ University Scholarship/Duquesne University ~ Chancellor's Scholarship/Emory University ~ Liberal Arts Scholarship/Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ~ RPI Medal Scholarship/University of Rochester ~ Youth Orchestra Scholarship/2020 NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Max Dean: Rochester Institute of Technology ~ Grand & Presidential Scholarship/SUNY at Buffalo UB Pride of Buffalo/Clarkson University ~ Grant & Scholarship

Trinity Elliott: Villa Maria College ~ Merit Scholarship
Hannah Farewell-Panzica: SUNY at Brockport ~ Green Scholarship
Taylor Farewell-Panzica: SUNY at Buffalo State ~ Provost Scholarship
Emanuel Francisco: SUNY at Binghamton ~ Excelsior Scholarship
Maddison Giarrizzo: Niagara University ~ Merit Scholarship/Alfred State University ~ Academic Scholarship
Sophie Glodzik: Niagara University ~ Tuition Exchange Scholarship
Samuel Greco: Daemen College ~ Presidential Scholarship
Ani Gribbin: Macalester College ~ Wallace Distinguished Scholarship, DeWitt Wallace Grant, & College Grant/Wellesley College ~ Grant & Scholarship/2020 NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Maxana Grubb: Virginia Tech ~ Track Scholarship
Marcus Hall: Niagara University ~ Dean's Scholarship, Grant, & NU Monteagle
Morgan Halt: Boston College ~ Athletic Scholarship
Andrew Hazzan: Rochester Institute of Technology ~ RIT Scholarship
Gwyneth Henderson: Cleveland Institute of Art ~ Art Gund Family Scholarship
Allison Howard: Binghamton University ~ Edwin A. Stevens Scholarship, Martha Bayard Stevens Scholarship, & George Eastman Young Leaders Award/University of Connecticut ~ UC Award/Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ~ Leadership Award
Kyle Hudson: Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences ~ National Technical Honors Society
Adam Huston: Hobart & William Smith College ~ Presidential Scholarship
Ariana Johnson: University at Buffalo ~ Presidential & Honors Scholarship/Canisius College ~ Trustee's Academic Excellence Scholarship
Alexander Klee: Syracuse University ~ ECS Leadership Scholarship/University of Pittsburg ~ Panther Pride Award/University at Buffalo ~ Pride of New York Award
Erika Kozlowski: Medaille College ~ Trustee's Scholarship/BOCE Scholarship
Emma Kulik: University at Buffalo ~ Presidential Scholarship/Canisius College ~ Dean's Scholarship/Daemen College ~ Dean's Scholarship



Abigail LaBoy: Liberty University ~ Academic Scholarship, Merit Award, & Grant/Biola University ~ Dean's Scholarship/Spring Arbor University ~ Trustee's Scholarship/Cedarville University ~ Dean's Excellence Scholarship

Ian Leising: SUNY at Buffalo State College ~ Pride of New York Scholarship/DePaul University ~ Presidential Scholarship/Loyola University ~ Presidential Scholarship

Zachary Liddick: SUNY at Fredonia ~ Promise Award & Musical Theater Scholarship

Mia Mansour: Bowling Green State University ~ Success Scholarship

Adriana Marino: Canisius College ~ Trustee's Scholarship

Jillian Martin: Duquesne University ~ Merit Scholarship/Ithaca College ~ Philanthropy Award/St. John Fisher College ~ Achievement Award/Canisius College ~ Peter Canisius Scholarship and Alumni Grant/Kent State University ~ President's Achievement Award/St. Bonaventure University ~ Provost Scholarship/LeMoyne College ~ Founders Scholarship/Mercyhurst University ~ Academic Award

Tyler Mattern: Rochester Institute of Technology ~ Presidential Scholarship/University at Buffalo ~ Dean's Scholarship

Audrina Mazzara: St. John Fisher College ~ Presidential Scholarship

Vincent Mazzara: Niagara University ~ Presidential Scholarship

Ronald McCarley: Stonehill College ~ Presidential Scholarship

Anna McKenna: SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry ~ Asimov, Centennial Hall, & ESF Scholarships

Benjamin Mekinulov: Cleveland Institute of Music ~ CIM Scholarship, Amherst Symphony, BPO, & ECMEA Scholarships

John O'Dea: University at Albany ~ Presidential Scholarship/University at Buffalo ~ Merit Scholarship/SUNY at New Paltz ~ Merit Scholarship/University of Tampa ~ Merit Scholarship/Syracuse University ~ Merit Scholarship/Ohio State University ~ Merit Scholarship/Mercyhurst University ~ Merit Scholarship

Joseph Omilian: University at Buffalo ~ Presidential Scholarship

Bridget Pardo: Daemen College ~ Presidential Scholarship

Daniel Pedersen: SUNY at Brockport ~ Gold Scholarship

Ely Personius: Gannon University ~ Athletic & Academic Scholarships

Cayden Piegza: University at Buffalo ~ Provost Scholarship

Liam Ramsey: D'Youville College ~ Merit Scholarship

Alana Reynolds: St. Bonaventure University ~ Presidential Scholarship/
St. Lawrence University ~ Sesquicentennial Scholarship

Nicholas Riley: Daemen College ~ Dean's Scholarship

Ian Roma: University at Buffalo ~ Presidential Scholarship

Maxwell Rosen: Ohio Northern University ~ Trustee's Scholarship

Eliza Shook: Niagara University ~ Presidential Scholarship

Sophie Smith: University of Dayton ~ Presidential Scholarship/Hobart &
William Smith College ~ Merit Scholarship/Syracuse University ~
Provost Scholarship/Union College ~ Trustee's Scholarship/
Rochester Polytechnic Institute ~ Merit Scholarship/SUNY at
Geneseo ~ Presidential Scholarship/Ohio State University ~
Academic Scholarship

Ryan Stark: Niagara University ~ Trustee's Scholarship & Educational
Grant/Butler University ~ Academic Scholarship & Grant/Clarkson
University ~ Clarkson Scholarship & Leadership Award/Daemen
College ~ Presidential Scholarship/LeMoyne College ~ Presidential
Scholarship & Promise NY Award Educational Grant/St. Bonaventure
University ~ Presidential Scholarship/St. Lawrence University ~
Momentum Scholarship & St. Lawrence Grant/University at Buffalo ~
UB Pride of NY Scholarship

Emily Starkweather: Nazareth College ~ Presidential Scholarship/Ithaca
College ~ Scholarship, IC New York Tuition Award, & IC Grant/SUNY
at Geneseo ~ Grant and Merit Scholarship/Elmira Key Award/SUNY
at Fredonia ~ President's Award for Excellence

Hannah Stasiewicz: Nazareth College ~ Trustee's Scholarship/Canisius
College ~ Magis Scholarship/SUNY at Fredonia ~ Dean's Scholarship

Byron Stickels, V: University at Buffalo ~ Pride of New York
Scholarship/SUNY at Albany ~ Presidential Scholarship/SUNY at
Oswego ~ Presidential Scholarship

Samuel Stoddard: Clarkson University ~ Presidential Scholarship

Valerie Sullivan: Framingham State University ~ Honors Student Award

Logan Sullivan: Daemen College ~ Dean's Scholarship

Anya Szafran: University at Buffalo ~ Provost Scholarship/Roberts
Wesleyan ~ Merit Scholarship/University at Hartford ~ Presidential
Scholarship

Marissa Tan: University of Dayton ~ Trustee's & Merit Scholarships, Forever Flyer & Community Grants/Miami University ~ Red Hawk Excellence Scholarship/St. John Fisher- Trustee's Scholarship/Fordham University ~ Jogues Scholarship/Hofstra University ~ Presidential Scholarship/University at Buffalo ~ Buffalo Pride of NY Scholarship/Rochester Institute of Technology ~ Presidential Scholarship/Ithaca College ~ IC Scholarship

Oakley Thomas: University at Buffalo ~ Buffalo Pride of NY Award

William Thomas: Mercyhurst University ~ Presidential & Merit Scholarships and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Kaitlin Tojek: University at Buffalo ~ Provost Scholarship/St. Bonaventure University ~ Merit Scholarship

Erina Udden: Syracuse University ~ Merit Scholarship & AFSCME Scholarship

Chloe Vahue: University of Tampa ~ Merit Award

Grace Vogel: Hilbert College ~ Merit Scholarship

Payge Vukelic: University of Rochester ~ Douglass & Anthony Scholarship, Rochester National Grant, Merit Scholarship, & Marist Herrman Merit Award/Mercyhurst College ~ Presidential Scholarship

Emily Watkins: University of New Haven ~ Presidential Scholarship

Jeremy Werbow: Niagara University ~ Dean's Scholarship, Montegale Grant, & President's Dinner Scholarship/D'Youville College ~ Presidential Scholarship

Philip Woods: Niagara University ~ Merit Grant

Cordelia Wright: Cleveland Institute of Art ~ Otis Scholarship & Gund Family Scholarship

Mackenzie Zent: Mercyhurst University ~ Herrmann Merit Award & Presidential Scholarship

Hannah Zimmerman: College for Creative Studies ~ CIA Gund Family Scholarship



We are pleased to announce that the total sum of scholarships and financial incentives reported by the Class of 2020 exceeds sixteen and a half million (\$16,800,000) dollars!

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 for being accepted at the following Colleges & Universities:

Agnes Scott College	Drexel University
Albany State University – Georgia	Duke University
Alfred State College	Duquesne University
Alfred University	D’Youville College
Alleghany College	Eastern Michigan University
Arcadia University	Edinboro University
Arizona State University	Elmira College
Baldwin Wallace University	Emory University
Binghamton University	Erie Community College
Biola University	Fordham University
Boston College	Framingham State University
Boston University	Full Sail University
Bowling Green University	Gannon University
Butler University	Genesee Community College
California University of Pennsylvania	Geneva College
Canisius College	Hilbert College
Case Western University	Hobart & William Smith College
Cedarville University	Hocking College
Central Florida University	Hofstra University
Champlain College	Houghton College
Chatham University	Howard University
Clark University~Atlanta	Indiana University - Bloomington
Clarkson University	Indiana University- Pennsylvania
Cleveland Institute of Art	Ithaca College
Cleveland Institute of Music	Jamestown Community College
Cleveland State University	John Carroll University
College for Creative Studies	Johnson C. Smith University
Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences	Kent State University
Cornell University	Lawrence Technological University
CUNY at Queens College	LeMoyne College
Daemen College	Liberty University
DePaul University	Long Island University
	Loyola University - Chicago

De Sales University	Macalester College
Manhattan School of Music	Seton Hall University
Marist College	Seton Hill University
McMaster University	Slippery Rock University
Medaille College	Spring Arbor University
Mercyhurst University	SUNY at Brockport
Miami University of Ohio	SUNY at Buffalo State College
Michigan State University	SUNY at Canton
Mills College	SUNY at Cobleskill
Monroe Community College	SUNY at Cortland
Moore College of Art & Design	SUNY at Delhi
Morgan State University	SUNY at Environmental Science & Forestry
Mount Holyoke College	SUNY at Fredonia
Nazareth College	SUNY at Geneseo
New Jersey Institute of Technology	SUNY Morrisville
Niagara County Community College	SUNY at New Paltz
Niagara University	SUNY at Oneonta
North Carolina A&T	SUNY at Oswego
Northern Arizona University	SUNY at Plattsburgh
Northland College	SUNY at Potsdam
Oberlin College	SUNY at Purchase
Ohio Northern University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Ohio State University	Stonehill College
Ohio University	Stony Brook University
Otis College of Art & Design	Syracuse University
Pace University	Texas Southern University
Pennsylvania State – Behrend	Trocaire College
Pennsylvania State University	Union College
Queen’s University	University at Buffalo (UB)
Quinnipiac University	University of Albany
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Arizona
Rice University	University of Colorado
Roberts Wesleyan College	University of Connecticut
Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Dayton
Rock University	University of Michigan
Russell Sage College	University of Pittsburgh
St. Bonaventure University	University of Rochester
St. John Fisher College	University of Tampa
St. Lawrence University	University of Vermont
Savannah College of Art & Design	Villanova University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	

*Congratulations to our graduates for their
exceptional accomplishments!*

The Amherst Central Creed

We would be persistent in tasks we undertake, for to maintain a purpose in spite of opposition is an indication of strength and courage.

We would be loyal to our school which is worthy of greatest honor and esteem, for it inspires us with knowledge.

We would endeavor to attain a higher education, for education means greater opportunities in later life.

We would cooperate with our superiors, for more satisfactory results are achieved.

We would be sportsmen, for a sportsman is fair and generous, a good loser, and a graceful winner.

We would be friendly, for the genial companionship of classmates makes school life pleasant and leaves many happy memories.

We would respect the school building and equipment, and thus show our appreciation for those things which our community has provided.

We would uphold the standards we have set, for by so doing, we can, in a small measure, express our gratitude for such wonderful opportunities.

Betty Becker
Class of 1933

HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Gregory Pigeon, *Principal*
Mrs. Nancy-Ann Ables, *Assistant Principal*
Mr. Scott Lawniczak, *Assistant Principal/Dean of Students*



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

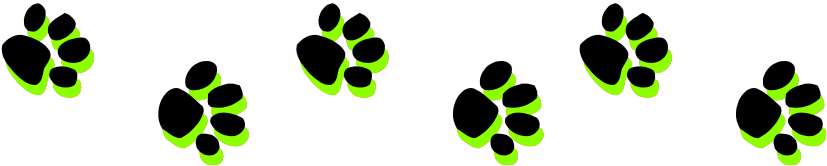
Mr. Anthony Panella, *Superintendent*
**Dr. Lynn Shanahan, *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum,
Instruction & Technology, School Business Administrator***
**Mr. Michael Belle-Isle, *Assistant Superintendent for
Student and Staff Services***
Jeffrey Wheaton, *Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Paul Steimle, *President*
Mrs. Jeanne Ernst, *Vice President*
Mrs. Lynn Errington
Mrs. Lorry Goldhawk
Mrs. Jessica McLaughlin
Mr. Mark Smith
Mr. Dominic Vivolo

*Congratulations Amherst Central High
School Class of 2020 Graduates!*

Best Wishes for a Successful Future!



“Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”

Congratulations! Today is your day.

You’re off to Great Places!

You’re off and away!

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

You’re on your own.

And you know what you know.

You are the guy who’ll decide where to go.

~ Dr. Seuss