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One Last Goodbye to High School

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Graduation is upon us and some seniors are preparing to say their final goodbyes to the joys of high school in their graduation speeches. Beth Bendit is one of three seniors giving a speech.

Because she is the president of the National Honor Society, one of her obligations is to give a speech at graduation.

"I started putting ideas down on paper a few weeks ago," Bendit said. "For the most part, I have the majority of the speech done. I just have to put the final touches on it."

From when she started writing her speech, she knew the words needed to come from her heart and that they needed to be sincere.

She's going to be touching on the common fears everyone faces in their life, such as fears of change and failure while moving into their new lives outside of high school.

Her speech will be the first one of the ceremony.

Since Bendit has been in NHS since middle school, she has given a few speeches at meetings. Despite that, she still gets extremely nervous talking in front of people.

Bendit said she plans on practicing and running through her speech before graduation.

Although she's nervous, Bendit is honored to be given this opportunity.

"There are many other students that, in my opinion, are more qualified for this, but I plan on

representing my class to the best of my ability," Bendit said.

To Bendit, being able to speak during commencement means a lot to her.

"It's kind of crazy that the reward for hard work, in this case, is public speaking," Bendit said. "But, I'm excited!"

Thomas Biafore is another student who is giving a speech.

His role as the senior representative in Student Government requires him to give a graduation speech.

Biafore is at an advantage with his speech. Despite the little bit of nerves he has, he actually really likes public speaking.

Biafore feels like he is leaving a legacy behind in this school with the words of wisdom he is going to preach to his fellow classmates.

He's only been working on it for about a week or so.

"I am going to be talking about how it's okay to fail and not know where you are going to go in life; we all need to learn from our failures," Biafore said.

To Biafore, being able to give a speech at graduation is very interesting, and as a freshman, he never thought he would be given this opportunity.

"Not a whole lot of people get to say they got to speak during their graduation," Bendit said. "It really makes all of my hard work worth it."

Both students plan on leaving a great image of themselves with their words as they take their last walk through the halls of RHS.

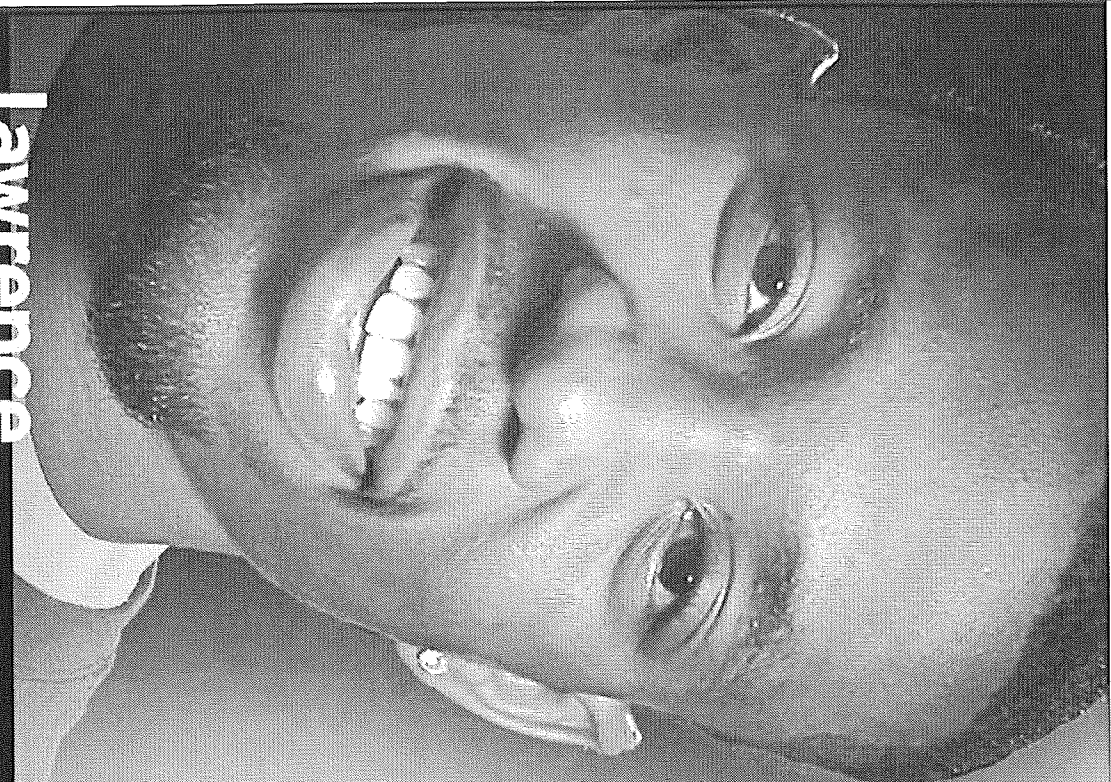
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