The End of a Chapter

 Good evening classmates, staff, and families. Wow! I did not think this day would be here so soon. I feel like I was just walking through the halls with my friends for the first time yesterday. It upsets me to know this chapter of my life is coming to an end. I myself, and I am sure the rest of you all, do not want to turn that final page and leave this great period of our lives behind. This will always be one of my favorite chapters of my life. From Friday night lights, to dreadful bio tests. From wins, where the bell was rung, and the flag was raised, to losses, where we grew, cried and became men. From the standardized tests, to tuxes and dresses for the prom. From the first walk into the main lobby, to the last one across this stage. I will surely miss it all and never forget it. However, I stand up here today with the title of my speech being “The End of a Chapter”, but that just means the start of a new one. I know this can be scary and nerve-racking for us all. This is a big step in our lives, but Portage has taught us all to be unselfish and strive for greatness. Be impactful and make others days. Love people and just simply smile. Do what you love. Yes, I know turning the page is difficult, trust me I know. We need to all attack this next chapter and allow God to write an awesome story for each of us. So, as NF says, “the search begins.” Remember you are always and forever will be a Mustang. Thank you staff and fellow classmates for loving and supporting me. I want to give a special thanks and shout out to Coach Burkett for always supporting me and pushing me, allowing me to see my full potential as an athlete on and off the field, and I want to thank Jamie Irvin for being the leader of our school’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes and inspiring my walk with God, making me the man I am today. Thank you.