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Douglas Dispatch

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Greater Douglas Chamber of Commerce

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May 25, 2018

Douglas High School
Class of 2018
1550 15th Street
Douglas, AZ 85607

Dear Graduate:

As you embark on the next step in your journey, the Douglas community is watching. We watched you grow up; we watched when you first started kindergarten; and we watched when you joined the cohort of students in the Arizona GEAR UP program as seventh graders. And now your high school experience is almost complete and you are standing on the precipice of the rest of your lives. The future of this great city is in your hands.

Some of you will go on to college, others may go straight into the work force, but each of you will travel your own path. No matter where you go or what you do, there are challenges ahead of you. What we as a community are asking from each of you is to meet those challenges straight on with your head held high and your heart wide open. You must try to excel in everything you do; strive for excellence in every task, large or small.

Although it may not be easy to see, every accomplishment you achieve is added to the world's accomplishments. Your individual successes benefit society and our community as a whole.

As part of the Arizona GEAR UP program in Douglas, you have had the benefit of college visits, career interest exploration, summer enrichment programs, parent engagement efforts, academic interventions, financial aid application assistance and so much more. Our community has invested in you and believes in you.

Nearly 70 percent of jobs will require postsecondary education by the year 2020. As a Douglas High School graduate, we want you to make us proud! We want you to continue on and get additional postsecondary training or a college degree. And when you do, we want you to come back to Douglas and be a part of our tightknit and amazing community. We will have high wage jobs for you and quality schools for your kids to attend.

You must work hard and do all that you can to reach your full potential. The future of this community and the world is in your hands, so make the most of it. We are watching and rooting for you!

Congratulations!