

*Words to Graduating Class of 2017*

*I open at the close . . .*

These words--made famous on Harry Potter's golden snitch--have equal relevance and meaning for each of you on your graduation day. While you are "closing" one BIG (first) chapter of your lives by receiving your high school diplomas today, this first day of the rest of your lives is "opening" full of faith, hope, and optimism that the best is yet to come.

As each of you are just beginning to compose your own life stories--I want to wish ALL of you the BEST of everything--both individually and collectively. You have a LOT to live up to--there are countless famous and successful alumni who got their starts at *Tooele High School*--all of whom take great pride in bleeding purple and being buffaloes.

You owe it to yourselves, your families, and all those who have preceded you to give your BEST to the world each and every day--to pursue your dreams, achieve your goals, and fulfill your potential. As you now look to "open" the next chapter in your lives, let us "close" your graduation day mindful of who we are and where we have come from--with one eye to the future--and with the singular objective of effecting positive change to make the world a better place. Congratulations and Good Luck!!

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