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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Success isn't permanent,  
and failure isn't fatal.

— Mike Ditka

HAVE A  
GREAT  
SUMMER!

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## Celebrating the Senior Class



Mr. Hodges is surrounded by his Senior History class. Our soon-to-be graduates are (top row, left to right) Jordan Buggs, Sam Des Prez (hidden), Michael Kelley, Mr. Hodges, Steve Pittman, Ryan Tracy, Kalob Crowe, Carl Berry (middle row) Hannah Skoog, Lynley Fox, Marisa Morgan, Faith Blickensderfer, Sarah McGunegill, Ana Tamasese, Darcie Golden, Molly Tierney, Alayna McClendon, (bottom row) Ed Schotter and Abby Saizow.

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By Matt Faeth  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**W**ith every year that passes, dealing with the departure of seniors becomes harder and harder. This year's graduating class includes several individuals with whom I am personally very close.

I have very fond memories of this class as a whole. They haven't just had a profound effect on me. If you look around, you can see their positive influence on the entire school's atmosphere.

The smaller size of our high school yields a very interesting situation. All grades interact, and the social barriers between seniors and freshmen are thinner than one might expect. When a class graduates, the lack of the class's presence in the high school environment is instantly felt.

Being an underclassman, I cannot offer an exceedingly large amount of tested advice. But what I have discovered throughout my scholastic career, and through observation of others, is that there is only one thing you need in this world to succeed: the proverbial "strong work ethic."

I know the idea of a strong work ethic has been beaten and stretched to the point where it's almost a cliché. The term may be overused, but it is still meaningful. In life,

some people may have a head start in comparison to you. You can't control that. What you can do is work your hands rough, or your eyes bloodshot. Whatever your goal may be, it is reachable. And for these seniors, it all begins here at Riverfield Country Day School, where they have had all the opportunities they could ever need, and now will have a head start in whatever future adventures await.

Seniors, you have created a unique and cozily familiar setting here at Riverfield that none of us can deny. We've been privileged to have each and every one of you to turn to for scholastic experience and advice. None of us can imagine a Riverfield without you.

Many of you have been deeply involved in extracurricular activities as well, making leaps and bounds in music, arts, debate, speech, leadership roles, cheer, athletics, and so many other areas. These strides will show the world that Riverfield alums will do more than they are asked. They will go beyond the bare minimum requirements and astound you. I know that each and every one of you will make a profound effect on this world in some positive way. Being a Riverfield alum is becoming a prestigious honor, thanks in no small part to your excellence.

Thank you, seniors, for your contributions to this school, and every single one of us underclassmen is indebted for your hard work, myself included.

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weather

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INFORMATION FROM  
WEATHER.COM, 5/10/10, 10:30 A.M.

*The Senior Class of Riverfield Country Day School  
invites all families to Commencement Exercises  
Friday, May 14, 2010 at 6 o'clock  
Clark Gymnasium in the Rogers Upper School Building*

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CONGRATULATIONS to all our graduating Seniors. We wish you all the best. Stay in touch!



Carl Berry

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
University of Oklahoma  
(Physics)

QUOTATION:  
*"Have fun in high school, but don't get too carried away—college is right around the corner."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
This year's Campout. It was a lot of fun, and we'll always have good stories from it.



Faith Blickensderfer

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Rogers State University  
(Graphic Design)

QUOTATION:  
*"Shine on, you crazy diamond."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Dancing at our first "real" Prom at Harwelden.



Jordan Buggs

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
TCC (English)

QUOTATION:  
*"Before you, Bella, my life was like a moonless night."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Writing my last essay for Dr. Tom.



Kalob Crowe

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Northeastern State  
University (Business)

QUOTATION:  
*"Do or do not, there is no try."  
(Yoda)*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Talking about life with Mrs. Linde during my freshman year.



Sam Des Prez

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
University of Oklahoma  
(Undecided)

QUOTATION:  
*"I like cheese."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Playing at the last Street Party. And meeting Malachi Keeter.



Lynley Fox

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Oklahoma State University  
(Accounting)

QUOTATION:  
*"I'm El Presidente. Try not to miss me too much."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Being elected Student Council President my senior year.



Darcie Golden

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Oklahoma State University  
(Fashion Marketing)

QUOTATION:  
*"The absence of flaw in beauty is itself a flaw."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
The over-popping in Mr. Goettel's cabin during our 8th grade Campout.



Michael Kelley

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Austin College  
(Undecided—plans to play college basketball)

QUOTATION:  
*"This Kid."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Scoring 41 points in the last basketball game—11 three-pointers.



Alayna McClendon

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Oklahoma State University  
(Accounting)

QUOTATION:  
*"Enjoy your senior year because it goes by fast."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
I really liked going to all the football games and cheering to get the crowd involved. My best memories come from all the inside jokes with my best friends.



Sarah McGunegill

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Northeastern State  
University (Psychology)

QUOTATION:  
*"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." --A.A. Milne*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
My sophomore Campout...Ana and Darcie know what I mean.



Marisa Morgan

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
University of Oklahoma  
(Public Relations)

QUOTATION:  
*"I was once a child like you, but then I gave up those foolish ways..."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Goofing off on the sidelines of basketball games with Ana.



Steve Pittman

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
TCC, then OU or OSU  
(wants to work for F.B.I.)

QUOTATION:  
*"I really enjoyed getting to know awesome people and making lifelong friends."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
ISAS, Campouts, and Spring Trips were so fun, and it was great to be chill in a school setting.



Abby Saizow

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Austin College (Pre-Vet)

QUOTATION:  
*"They love to tell you to stay inside the lines, but something is better on the other side."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
The St. Louis trip in the 6th grade, specifically the city museum.



Ed Schotter

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
Tulsa Tech  
(Sound Engineering)

QUOTATION:  
*"Is a gerbil in a blender a physical or chemical change?"*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
When Jordan helped me off the football field after I broke my collarbone.



Hannah Skoog

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
University of Oklahoma  
(Business)

QUOTATION:  
*"Good luck to all of you on your quest."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
I loved the whole Campout experience and sitting out and dancing under the stars with a cute boy.



Ana Tamasese

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
University of Missouri  
(Photography & Business)

QUOTATION:  
*"Life's too short to be mad all the time. It's just not worth it."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Having fun in Ms. Wagner's class.



Molly Tierney

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
University of Arkansas  
(Pre-Med)

QUOTATION:  
*"My advice: Work hard your junior year so you can just relax during your senior year."*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Our sophomore year Fall Campout. Everyone just clicked.



Ryan Tracy

PLANS TO ATTEND:  
University of Oklahoma  
(Meteorology)

QUOTATION:  
*"Let's do this!"*

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY:  
Rafting down the Illinois River with all of the high-schoolers on the Campout.