And off they go!

Cheers, tears, tradition define 2018 graduation
“Everyone’s accomplishments and adventures are unique to themselves, so do not let anyone tell you that theirs is better. You do not have to travel the world to go on a journey, but you have to determine your goals, chart your course, and take the first step. ... Quakertown Community High School was our safe harbor. Now is the time for us to explore, dream, discover.”

Amanda Bouton

“Thoughts from your parents: Be kind. ... Don’t take shortcuts. ... Investigate the truth. ... Say “I’m sorry” or “I love you” or “I forgive you.”... Put down your phone. ... Call, write, text, visit your family. ... Laugh. A lot. Out loud.

“Use the wings you’ve been given. Fly. Some of you will fly far away. Some of you will not fly further than a few miles away. Some of you will fly and come back. Then fly and maybe come back again. Your nest ALWAYS has room for you. Whether you return by choice, by chance, or by force...we are waiting with open arms.”

Jennifer Stover, Class adviser

“As we turn to face these new challenges, we must remember never to give in, or accept the status quo. It is our responsibility to call for change as we set out to make our mark on the world.”

Kevin Juszynski

“Don’t ever rely on someone else to take care of you. Make sure you always have an education to support yourself. Make sure you accomplish your goals and dreams. Take chances, take trips, spend quality time with people who are important to you. Learn how to do your taxes.

“Spend time with your parents, they love you and look at you like you are gold.”

Darlene Hardy, Class adviser

From the podium

Amanda Bouton

“You are now ready to fly. Your teachers, parents and guardians were your flight instructors. They’ve given you everything you need to take flight.

“And once you do, where you go is now all up to you. It’s all right there in front of you. All you need is a flight plan. So fly to great heights class of 2018, whatever your future destination might be.”

Steaven Klein, Board president

“The past is the past, what matters is where you choose to go from here. So Panthers, what is your next big play going to be? What’s going to be your Philly Special? The potential and talent and knowledge in this arena is insurmountable. I cannot wait to see the amazing things you all will accomplish.”

Ana Handel

“As our high school careers come to an end, and we look back at all the memories we have, it’s going to be a little sad. But just remember (as Dr. Seuss said) ‘Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.’

Grey Mitchell

“Take advantage of every opportunity as you venture off to university, to a trade, or to a workplace and when things get rough, look for the lesson. Consider what adversity has to offer in terms of prioritizing, regrouping and growing.”

Tina Sullivan, Class adviser
2018 grads, you will be missed!
Thank you parents and teachers!