

Parting advice offered to Rehoboth grads

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RCS graduates 97

Don Tamminga warned graduates of the trappings of politics and selfishness. Principal Chris Van Slooten wished graduates well no matter their endeavors. And the Class of 2017 valedictorian Lance McMullin and salutatorian James Patten spoke of life-long friendships and bonds forged while at Rehoboth Christian School.

Those were just a few sentiments from the handful of speakers who took the stage May 26 at

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the Rehoboth Christian School graduation held in the Sports and Fitness Center on-campus.

“This is a beginning and something we will cherish forever,” Patten said afterward. “It’s a special day for all of us.”

Some 97 students received diplomas, comprising a graduating class that boasts college and university acceptances at schools such as the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., and the University of New Mexico.

Tamminga, a counselor and dean of students at Rehoboth, talked about the pros and cons of the Trump presidency and the importance of community service in the here and now. He told the graduates to fill their lives with work and passion.

The message was not lost on the more than 175 friends and family members who came out to wish the graduates well.

“My cousin graduated from Rehoboth two years ago and my son will probably go here next year,” Greg Harding of Zuni said. “I also graduated from here. It’s a good school.”

Saturday’s program included scripture readings by graduates Autumn Tsosie and Jaycia Kinsel. A short prayer in English, Navajo and Spanish was led by graduates Selena Delgado, Jessica Becenti and Jamie Atcitty.

The evening’s closing song was performed by the RCS faculty choir. Harding said the fact that so many RCH graduates have been accepted to top notch schools around the country speaks volumes for the academics at RCS. He said he hopes that fact alone continues to bring even more positive attention to Rehoboth Christian.

The Rehoboth Christian School graduation:

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***The Class Flower: Marigold**

The Class Color: Black

The Class Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12

The Class Song: “Immortals” by Fall Out Boy

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