Lovington graduates display their spirit

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West Texas Intermediate, wildcats, wildcat, wildcat!

Jal students say goodbye to seniors,

A Hobbs High School graduate signals to the crowd as he walks across the stage during Monday's commencement at the Lea County Event Center.

HHS valedictorian tells classmate to ...

‘Strive for greatness’

Jal graduating senior Anthony Anderson gets a hand wiping back tears from his mother Francy Anderson as he presents her a rose during the graduation ceremony at the Lea County Event Center.

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Jal — Jal High School graduates that high school was just “a sampler” and graduation was just the beginning of a new stage in their lives.

HHS valedictorian Rashid Mankad wrapped up his speech by taking a selfie to commemorate the event.

“I want to end it with something special,” Mankad said, “and technology is such a big part of our world these days and one thing I’ve learned throughout senior year, is that photos mean a thousand words.”

Mankad then turned around and took the photo, as more than 600 graduates cheered and applauded in the background at the HHS commencement Monday night at the Lea County Event Center.

“The memory this was made not great,” Mankad summed up, “and always strive for greatness. Congratulations Class of 2014.

School officials, school board members, HHS staff and family and friends of the seniors were present.

‘As I was trying to figure out what to say to my graduating classmates, I searched through the many gorgeous moments that came to mind from my experience here at Jal and one thing that stood out and to appear a symbol of our pride from every basketball game, marching band practice, pep rally and football game,” Mankad said. “We’re all graduates.

Counselors, friends and friends looked over 150 students from Lovington High School and 25 students from New Hope High School received their diplomas.

Students Olivia Rodrigues, Claudia Birmann, Andrew Homer, Bailey Robinson and Amanda Serlin graduated with special honors.

Daniel Cantamaro delivered the student address for New Hope High School in which he shared his story of personal triumph over being bullied.

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Eunice honors 47 graduates

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EUNICE — The graduating Class of 2014 received their diplomas Sunday.

Forty-seven students walked across the stage inside the Hardison Auditorium at the Eunice High School.

The graduates and those in attendance were welcomed by honor student Lyvan Lucero.

“Dad, you and mom are the most supportive people. I give you a lot of love."

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"Our goal should be to live forever but to create something that will last even after we're gone," Clausen said.

Clausen and class valedictorian Olivia Rodriguez emphasized how important having a family as a support system through-though the previous 12 years was for her throughout her entire life. Rodriguez said, "The most important thing is to remember yourself, your own values, and what you believe in.

"We have been working towards this for 12 years now," Caleb Benge said. "This sums up all of our hard work.

Senior Hayden Brown, center, smiles up at his dad Lea County High School principal Robert Brown during the commencement ceremony.

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