

# LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL'S THE LANCE



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## From the Desk of the Editors-in-Chief

While we were brainstorming ideas for our final editorial, we decided that, if anything, we wanted to be original. As Editors-in-Chief, we realized the significance of our last piece. These few measly paragraphs are our last joint declaration, our final opportunity to relay some wisdom to the freshmen, leave an impression on a peer or teacher, and above all, spark curiosity in our readers. Hopefully, throughout the year, we've inspired some of you to think critically about **your** own views, and **ours**.

Struggling to decide on an editorial topic, we dipped into *The Lance's* archives to see what our predecessors wrote about. We discovered that most of them wrote sentimental pieces about *how much* they learned in high school, *how short* these four years were, and *how successful* we'd all be in the future.

Although we *totally* agree with all of those things, we both recognized that we've heard enough of these graduation platitudes. Because too many people have gone through this rite of passage, nearly every possible viable angle has already been covered; it would be close to impossible to spin a graduation piece a different way without being too off topic, too overwrought, or too complicated.

So, instead of making you read some quasi-inspirational, tear-inducing essay, let's simply celebrate the experiences we've had together over the last four years. The good, the bad, the great, the incredible, the pain, losses and difficulties, the successes, the failures, the life changing and the mundane, and all of the **miracles** that have gotten us through this crazy ride—let's reminisce and remember. And even though we were trying to avoid it, we'll leave you with the biggest, truest cliché of them all, You Only Live Once. As we start this next chapter in our lives, let us truly live our lives to the fullest.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013! We wish you love, happiness, and the best of luck!

For the last time,

*Bae and Gilberg*

## An Interview with the Editors-in-Chief

Emily Bae

Ari Gilberg

### **What has been the most difficult thing being co-editor-in-chief?**

The most difficult thing being co-editor-in-chief was learning to work and cooperate with different personalities. Being patient is truly a virtue! I've learned so much about staying calm, and how important it is.

### **Describe your co-editor-in-chief, Ari Gilberg, in one sentence.**

Although our personalities clash all the time, Ari is a very hard worker, driven, and truly, unabashedly passionate about Journalism.

### **Describe Joe Trad in one sentence.**

Trad is crazy and stubborn, but he is super funny and a great advisor.

### **How have you changed throughout high school?**

As a freshman I was so nervous about everything: my grades, appearance, and my future. I've definitely become more confident throughout high school.

### **Why did you start working on the newspaper?**

I took Journalism on a whim in my sophomore year because I was interested in writing. It was never my

intention to be so involved in *The Lance* and I never expected to become Editor-in-Chief! I'm really grateful that things fell into place for me.

### **Describe yourself in three words.**

Enthusiastic, dedicated, and admittedly, a little bit scatterbrained.

### **What important lessons have you learned as co-editor-in-chief?**

I have learned that mistakes happen all the time, but you can't let them get to you. If I freaked out over every misspelling, uneven line, or blurry picture in the paper, I would drive myself crazy. Don't get me wrong, I am definitely a bit of a perfectionist, but I've learned to let things go, move on from my mistakes, and try to do better the next time around.

### **What advice can you give incoming freshman?**

Don't be too hard on yourself! A little bit of stress is okay, but being too self-critical can be stifling. Also, be fearless in your academics, your extracurriculars, and everything else that you do. Don't be afraid to try new things! Go for it, even it seems scary; you never know what may come of it.

### **Describe your co-editor-in-chief, Emily Bae, in a few words.**

Emily is very intelligent and confident in herself and in her work. She expects the best from herself and from her peers. When she starts a task, she won't stop until it is completed.

### **Describe Joe Trad in one sentence.**

He is the Voice of Reason. Nothing else needs to be said.

### **Why did you start working on the newspaper?**

I've always liked writing and was interested in sports journalism. After writing a few articles for the Sports section, I started to branch out and write News and Features articles and became an avid contributor.

### **What would you change about your experience working on the newspaper?**

There are numerous restrictions we have to abide by. I would have liked a lot more freedom in the articles we can write, what we can say, etc. We try to emulate a professional newspaper but since *The Lance* is still a school-run news publication, it can be difficult to do that because of the limitations.

### **What was your favorite article you worked on?**

Probably my "Can the Real Rappers Please Stand Up" article from junior year. I love music and especially rap, so it wasn't just a regular article for me. Also I loved the controversy it stirred up; any publicity is good publicity.

### **What is the one thing that you learned while working on *The Lance* that you will take with you after high school?**

Commitment. In order to get each issue out you have to be committed; in order to succeed in life you must be committed to what you are doing.

### **Why is the newspaper and journalism in general important to you? And why should it be significant to others?**

In today's society people associate journalism with TMZ, Twitter, and blogs. That isn't journalism. Journalism is the presentation of the facts, and the facts alone—with zero bias. People should know what is actually going on in the world, rather than being told what to believe by biased right and left-wing news outlets.







*“I am unwritten, can’t read my mind, I’m undefined.  
I’m just beginning, the pen’s in my hand, ending unplanned...”*

-“Unwritten” by Natasha Bedingfield

The Most Attended Colleges

COLLEGE	STUDENTS	
 Rutgers University	31	
Montclair State University	25	
Pennsylvania State University	12	
County College of Morris	11	
University of Maryland	11	
Seton Hall University	11	
University of Delaware	9	
The College of New Jersey	9	
University of Hartford	7	
University of Wisconsin	7	
Binghamton University	6	
Bloomsburg University	6	
Carnegie Mellon University	6	
Indiana University	6	
Lehigh University	6	
University of Michigan	6	
University of Tampa	6	
Emory University	5	
Franklin and Marshall College	5	

Farthest Distance from LHS

LOCATION	DISTANCE	
 Jerusalem, Israel	5,705 miles	
Florence, Italy	4,173 miles	
Salamanca, Spain	3,488 miles	
Vancouver, Canada	2,956 miles	
 San Diego, California	2,814 miles	
Los Angeles, CA	2,773 miles	
Tucson, AZ	2,486 miles	
Tempe, AZ	2,387 miles	
Boulder, CO	1,778 miles	
Austin, TX	1,731 miles	
Coral Gables, FL	1,300 miles	
New Orleans, Louisiana	1,296 miles	
Tampa, FL	1,147 miles	
Columbia, Missouri	1,079 miles	
DeLand, FL	1,059 miles	
Tuscaloosa, Alabama	1,010 miles	
St. Louis, MO	939 miles	
Madison, WI	919 miles	
Atlanta, Georgia	869 miles	

Livingston High School Class of 2013

Address: 30 Robert Harp Drive

Colors: Green and White

Mascot: Lancer

Students in Graduating Class: 439

Class of 2013 President: Jennifer Wu

Class Officers: Sam Cetrulo, Harrison Katz, Solange Luftman, and Sue Son

Prom Song: Gravity by John Mayer

Winner of Senior Games: The Yellow Team

Number of Students Recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program: 35

Number of Students Leaving the Country: 5

Number of Issues of The Lance This Year: 7 AMAZING Issues

PLACE	STUDENTS
NEW JERSEY	115
PENNSYLVANIA	56
NEW YORK	51
MASSACHUSETTS	25
MARYLAND	19
CONNECTICUT	13
DELAWARE	9
RHODE ISLAND	9
MICHIGAN	8
FLORIDA	7
WISCONSIN	7
VIRGINIA	6
WASHINGTON D.C.	6
INDIANA	6
ILLINOIS	5
CALIFORNIA	5
OHIO	5
TENNESSEE	5
GEORGIA	5
MISSOURI	4



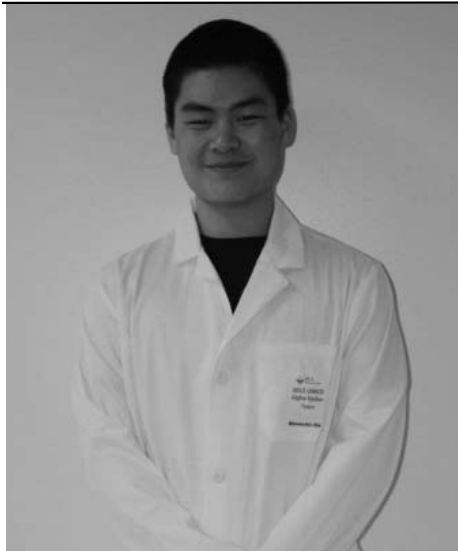


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### Was it always your goal to be Valedictorian?

Of course! I almost had to ransom the lucky Giants sweatshirt Spencer uses for Calc tests.

### What is the hardest class you've taken at LHS?

I'd have to say AP English 3. Nothing says challenging like half an hour spent picking out the right words for a one-sentence blurb, the infamous midterm project, or sprezzatura. That being said, it's a class that makes you grow as a writer and as a person.

### In your opinion, what is your best feature? (Name one physical and one personality)

Physically, I'd go with my eyes because they're magic. (They disappear when I smile).

For personality, I'd say curiosity because it's fun. You can never predict the places you go and the thoughts you have while pursuing an interest. I once ended up in Iowa for a chemistry program. Did you know you can *hear* corn grow?

### If your life had a theme song, what would it be and why?

"Numa Numa." At some point, everyone has to unleash his or her inner Youtube star.

### Most influential teacher?

Most influential would definitely be Ms. Houben. I think I learned as much about life as I did about calculus in her class. Hardworking, outgoing, and nurturing, she inspires through example.

### What is one thing most people do not know about you?

I'm actually sharing a secret lab with Stewie Griffin. He's a bit of a card, but much better than the last two I was working with (some pompous kid named Dexter and his annoying sister Dee Dee).

### Name one regret you've had in high school.

Joining every club under the sun. As challenging as AP English was, nothing comes close to coordinating a regularly conflicting schedule. To the freshmen: make time for the things you love; make wish lists for the things you like.

### Advice for the aspiring valedictorians?

Never let a syllabus define what you learn. Question everything, and go beyond what's taught in the classroom. It makes a huge difference in motivation when you own your learning process. Oh, and Chicago is choice B. (You'd be surprised how often I've seen this one on the APs).

### Be honest, are you nervous about graduating?

A little, but not as nervous as I should be. I don't think it's truly going to sink in how significant this is until I'm walking across the stage.

### If you could have any food right now, what it be and why?

Nutella. You should never need a reason to eat Nutella.

### What is one thing you'll miss at LHS?

The people. LHS is such a fun, nurturing, and accepting place because of its community. It's saddening to think that our years together draw to a close. But given how ambitious, fun, and amazing my fellow students are, I can't even imagine what stories we'll tell when we meet again.

### Describe Salutatorian, Spencer Luster, in one sentence.

Pretzels: the next generation of performance enhancers.



Alexander Nie will attend Harvard University.

### How bad is your senioritis?

I was one of the more fortunate; only a mild strain. After the outbreak I-- I did what had to be done. For such a potent and contagious infection, it's remarkable that it only affects people of a certain age.

### Last, but not least, after all your success in high school, what do you plan on doing with the rest of your life?

As far as I'm concerned this life only comes around once, so I plan to make the most of it. That means pushing boundaries and exploring new places. Spending time with my friends and family. And most of all, gaining a better understanding of the world we live in. Live, love, learn.

## Spencer Luster

## Get to Know This Year's Salutatorian



Spencer Luster will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

### What drove you to succeed in high school?

The possibilities LHS had to offer. I did my best to take advantage of the dedicated teachers and passionate staff. I tried to make the most of my time at LHS.

### Be honest, how nervous are you about graduating?

Not too nervous, assuming the cicadas leave us alone. But in all seriousness, I think that LHS has prepared us well for the

next part of our lives.

### What is your dream job?

I haven't slept enough lately to know.

### How difficult was it to balance your social life and your studying?

It certainly hasn't been easy, but I would say that it is a skill like anything else. As I have practiced it over the course of my four years here, I have gotten better at juggling the different parts of my life. Eventually, I found the balance I was looking for.

### How bad is your senioritis?

On a scale of 1 to Amy Xu, about a 5.

### Favorite movie?

Memento. That movie makes Inception look simple (and it's also directed by Christopher Nolan).

### In your opinion, what is your best feature? (Name one physical and one personality)

Physically, my height has come in handy, especially on the tennis court. Otherwise, I think that my team mentality has made me

a dedicated member of many of the groups and organizations I have worked in at LHS.

### If your life had a theme song, what would it be and why?

Gangnam Style, and isn't it obvious?

### What is the hardest class you've taken at LHS?

That's not a fair question. Each course is unique, and has a different aspect that makes it difficult. Though I will say that AP Bio has a reputation, and it's well deserved.

### Which teacher has had the largest impact on you?

Mr. Page and AP Stat have had a very large impact on me. Because of his course, there's a roughly 45% chance that I study statistics in college. (And no Mr. Page, I will not show you the data).

### What will you miss most about high school?

The people, without question. The friendships that I have made at LHS have meant a lot to me, and I can't imagine the



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last four years without them.

### Describe Valedictorian, Alex Nie, in one sentence.

Bill Nye doesn't stand a chance.

### If you could change one thing during your four years at LHS what would you change?

I would give everyone their five extra minutes of sleep back and start school at 7:55.

### What is the one thing you're looking forward to most in college?

There are more than 90 food trucks on the Penn campus.

Future Plans

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Remember When...

“Freshman year we thought all of the seniors looked big and scary” - Brett Birnbaum

“We needed a pass to go to the library during lunch” - Jared Saltzman

“We were all freaking out about moving into high school” - Hasan Khan

“WE FOLLOWED THE RULES....YEAH, ME NEITHER” - KRISTINA BRECKA

“We obsessed over Naviance scattergrams” - Moshe Pasternak

“We all played words with friends” - Ben Cardona

“Muffins were \$1.50” - Tomer Niv

“Our administration had hair.” - Gavriel Tsioni

“One year we had more bomb scares than snow days.” - Tim Cece

“We brought the town of Livingston together and won our first ever McInnis Cup.” -Jonny Garfinkel

“The senior project was a breeze...oh wait.” - Joe Samaan

“We weren’t confined to one hall during lunch.” - Bridget McCormack

“School started at 7:55 and ended at 2:32” - Jenna Kaufman

“WHEN I WAS A 5 STAR GENERAL OF THE GREEN ARMY” - DAVID STRUMEYER

“You were able to sign yourself out when you were 18” - Logan Corsello

“We had to eat in the cafeteria” - Nick Striglia

“We wanted to be in high school”- Alec Friedman

“Lock downs used to be more than 2 minutes”- Matt Healy

“YOLO was not a thing”- Margo Fleishman

“WE DIDN’T HAVE TO RUN IN GYM” - TORI KARGMAN

“Halloween was cancelled two years in a row” - Julie Berman

“Your school schedule was ranked based on what period you had lunch”- Maddie Rosenfeld

“Mr. Trad ate a head of lettuce”- Ari Gilberg

***“Sometimes my tries are outside the lines.  
We’ve been conditioned to not make mistakes, but I can’t live that way...”***

“Probably still fighting for a good parking spot”- Nick DePasquale

“I don’t know, hopefully something meaningful”  
- Justine Jang

“I will be a doctor”  
- Erik Katcher

“Working”  
- Johanna Silvestri

“Relaxing on the beach in California”- Derek Lee

“Spittin bars all day”- Jesse Francione

**What will you be doing when you are 50?**

“Retired and swimming in my own money”- Jen Berger

“I’ll be enjoying my life with friends and family while also making bank” - Matt Healy

“I will be president”- Evan Schoenbach

“Paying back student loans” - Willie Pauwels

“I’ll be in Hawaii with my husband”  
- Nancy Liongson

“I’ll be a boss making bank”  
- Josh Mack

“My cat ate my homework... he eats everything”- Kseniya Samsonik

“I’m in college”- Mike Russo

“There are no bells due to AP testing”- Xander Edwards

“I threw it out”- Jacob Pollack

“I’m a senior”- Zach Stark

“My jeep ate my homework”- Andrew Psillakis

“It was a Jewish holiday”  
- Mo Pasternak

“I’m supposed to go still go to class?” - Sam Silverman

**What’s your best excuse you can give to a teacher?**

“Wait, what homework”- Robert Clark

“YOLO”- Jillian Gaier

“Why you no speak english? I sorry”- Marta Silva

“You never answered my email”- Sam Alpert

“Don’t worry about it”- Justin Tauber

“I wasn’t really up to it” - Monica Conway

“I was busy not doing homework”- Tiffanie Yakum

“The Voice of Reason told me not to do it” - Timothy Xu

“The tyrannical bells”- Jana Ruthberg

“Friends”  
- Kaitlin Peck

“Mr. Major’ translates to five full minutes of wasted class time” - Allison Friedman

“The walk from the Madonna lot to the front door in the pouring rain”- Rebecca Myers

“The campus”- Justin Garrel

“The walls and hallways” - Vidita Gawade

“The Lance!” - Emily Bae

**What will you miss most about LHS?**

“I’ll miss the people and the memories more than anything”  
- Camarie Eaton

“Not having to see Mr. Trad’s face every day”- Tim Cece

“The science wing water fountains”- William Ng

“The Green Army”- David Strumeyer

“School spirit” - Rebecca Atlas

“The Pacer Test”- Philip Spiler

“The teachers that had an impact on my future” - Jared Saltzman

“Being accepted to college”- Stephanie Xu

“Going out for lunch”- Evan Maltz

“Doing nothing”- Stacy Santola

“Laughing at juniors and their SAT prep cards”- Justine Jang

“Knowing how you can pretty much do whatever you want”- Jesse Kirsch

“Calling my teachers by their first names”- Jessica Xu

“Grilling in the senior parking lot”- Brandon Melvin

“Having Mr. Trad for English”- Rachel Bayer

**What’s the best part of being a senior?**

“The air conditioning” - Ryan Blum

“Have freedom, enjoy the year, build good relationship with teachers, and do little work”  
- Cooper Weisman

“Having like no finals”  
- Rebecca Salerno

“Getting away with nonsense” - Kaitlin Peck

“Speedracing to Millburn Deli at lunch”  
- Camila Correa

“Grades don’t matter once you get into college”- Derek Lee

“Finally having a justified reason to take a twenty minute walk every period”- Nick Depasquale



***“Drench yourself in words unspoken,  
Live your life with arms wide open...”***

## Farewell To Our Beloved Teachers And Faculty

Ms. Falcone  
*Office Secretary*



***How long have you worked at LHS and what is your position/job?***

I've worked at LHS for 14 years as an administrative secretary who works for assistant principal, Mrs. O'Leary. Before LHS, I worked at Riker Hill Elementary for 16 years.

***What are your future plans?***

I hope to spend more time with my grandchildren, extend longer periods of time at my shore home, and do all of the things I have put off because I didn't have enough time to do them.

***What is your favorite memory at LHS?***

I would say my interaction with the students when they arrived in my office. It was always refreshing to converse with them.

Ms. Pogach  
*Mathematics*



***How long have you worked at LHS and what classes have you taught?***

I have worked at LHS for 19 years, and have taught all levels of algebra, pre-calculus and calculus. I have also taught HSPA math and basic math skills.

***What are your future plans?***

I plan to return to community activities and take a more active role in charitable organizations. I plan to take walks, each leisurely lunches, and read books. Most importantly, I expect to spend more time with my family.

***Any advice for graduating seniors?***

My advice to is to always be honest with yourself, to keep as many doors open as possible, and to maintain integrity even when making a poor decision is easier.

Ms. Muzikar  
*Family Consumer Science*



Ms. Muzikar has taught a number of Family and Consumer Science classes, including: Sports Nutrition, Family and Child Development, Fashion I and II, Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Interior Design.

Ms. Muzikar has faithfully served Livingston High School community and Livingston school district for many years and *The Lance* would like to wish her great luck, health, and happiness in her future endeavors and plans.

Number One Teacher  
*By Joanna Fuchs*

I'm happy that you're  
my teacher;  
I enjoy each lesson you teach.  
As my role model you  
inspire me  
To dream and to work  
and to reach.

With your kindness you get  
my attention;  
Every day you are  
planting a seed  
Of curiosity and motivation  
To know and to grow  
and succeed.

You help me fulfill my potential;  
I'm thankful for all that  
you've done.  
I admire you each day,  
and I just want to say,  
As a teacher, you're  
number one!

## Goodbye Class of 2013: A Letter From Class President Jennifer Wu



*Student Government President Jennifer Wu*

We are the latest crop of millennials—the newest addition to “Generation Y.” They call us “Generation Me,” a lazy, entitled generation of overconfident young adults. We have been accused of redefining activism as merely changing our profile pictures on Facebook or sending a tweet or two. We measure ourselves in our number of followers and friends, and have mastered the art of the “selfie.” It is no

surprise that some consider our way of life to be shallow.

Our bodies and minds have developed amid a huge rise of new media, which has shaped our different lifestyle. This does not, however, necessarily justify calling our generation narcissistic and arrogant. The world simply has not seen what we are capable of yet.

As we leave high school, let us

expel such stereotypes. It's time for us to take action. We must stop dreaming and start doing. Our class will face the highest college tuitions and one of the lowest employment rates of all time. But just as we have worked tirelessly in school, we will work tirelessly during and after college toward success.

Let us prove to the world that we cannot be labeled. We are innovators, philanthropists, and leaders. Above all, we are fighters. We are up for any challenges the world presents to us. Teachers and administrators alike have lauded our class as one of the most impressive yet. Whether it's academics or extracurricular activities, we have performed beyond expectations.

Each one of us has tremendous potential. The newfound independence of college comes with many responsibilities and choices. We must be proactive and take advantage of all opportunities. Greater use of our own potential leads to greater happiness.

The label of “Generation Y” preemptively limits this potential. Why

must they assume that our mindset will produce a negative outcome? They call us overconfident, but simply look around you on graduation day and admire your fellow classmates. Each one is unique, with an undeniable thirst to grasp onto new knowledge and opportunities in college and beyond. Let us be the ones to redefine Generation Y as the kids who shocked the world by embracing and overcoming challenges again and again.

As nostalgia sinks in on graduation day, do not forget to thank your teachers and administrators. We have been privileged to have such caring figures in our school who have constantly fought to improve our education and maintain our welcoming school environment. Thanks to our parents and family, whose selfless support has shaped this class of well-rounded, open-minded students.

It has been a true honor to serve this magnificent class. Thank you so much for this opportunity. Congratulations, graduates! See you soon.

- Jennifer Wu

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***"Today is where your book begins,  
The rest is still unwritten."***

*Dear Class of 2013:*

*I congratulate all of you for reaching a major milestone in your lives - high school graduation. The path that has brought each of you to this moment was individualized. You have explored opportunities, made choices, faced challenges, and found successes that you will take with you as you leave the everyday life of Livingston High School. For some of you, it was becoming Merit Scholars, published writers, State Champions and world class athletes, commissioned artists, professional researchers, applauded performers, and decorated business leaders of America. For others, it was attempting a course that you knew was going to be difficult before it began, but taking it because you knew you could do it, or dedicating countless hours of time and effort to make the team.*

*And then there were the moments that we shared as a community. Pep rallies, proms, Senior Picnic, and grumbling as you walked all the way to the front of building when returning from your open lunch are all memories we will keep with us throughout our lives. Yet, it is impossible to reflect on this school year, your senior year, and not think of the week we lost to Hurricane Sandy. That week apart was time that brought us closer than ever. While the school served as an emergency shelter, several students came by daily to check the status of LHS or to see how they could help. Stories were shared of families with power opening their doors to friends, neighbors, and classmates who remained without light and heat. When school reopened, we turned our attention to the larger community. You, the students, sprang into action, creating clothes drives, collecting emergency supplies, and raising money for students and families who were in need. Our "Stuff the Bus" campaign exceeded our expectations, as it was necessary to procure two additional buses to transport our load to southern New Jersey.*

*The community spirit from that moment carried us through your senior year. Students arrived in droves to support our Lancer teams through games and runs in state tournaments. Many of you took your time to write letters together, once again, to support families as they lived through the tragedy of Newtown, Connecticut. Faced with yet another weather-related consequence, you took the snow postponement in stride and gathered to catch rubber chickens with the greatest of enthusiasm during your Senior Games. For that, you will always be remembered.*

*On behalf of the Lancer community, I wish you all the best as you begin life after high school. Continue to strive to reach your individual best and discover more and more each day what you want that to be. At the same time, maintain and build the sense of community you established here at Livingston High School. Our gifts are greater when they are shared with those around us. Take a moment to reflect on all that you have accomplished together during your time at Livingston High School and thank those who have helped you find success along the way.*

*It has been an honor and a pleasure working and celebrating with you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Spide Stern*