

# Simply, 'Beautiful'

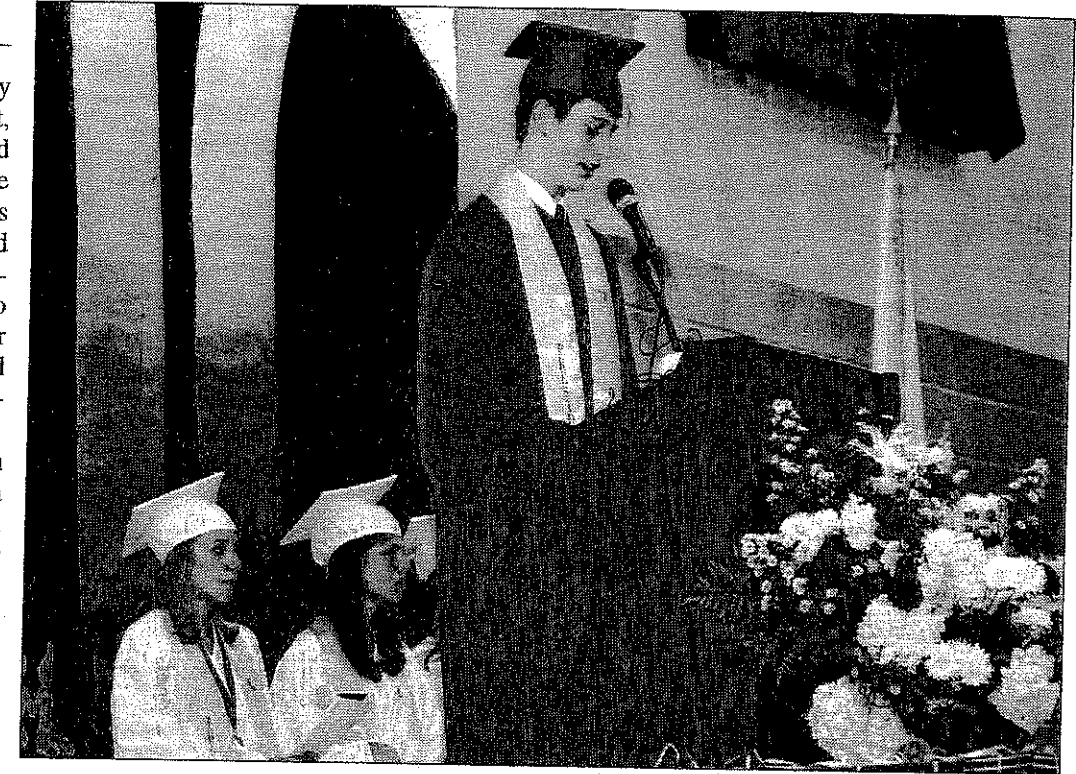
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Class of 2010 president

Throughout our journey here at Masconomet, amazing staff and administration have provided memorable experiences and a valuable education. I would first like to thank you all for guiding us to success. I would also like to thank our families for nourishing our hard work and determination with love and support.

Great memories come from impactful events. Just recently, a majority of us participated a unique internship program. For some, it provided meaningful career insight. Others enjoyed rare opportunities to explore out of the ordinary projects. And few were granted, sometimes surprisingly, emotional revelations. I would like to share a meaningful moment from my internship.

I stood in the light drizzle sporting a red jacket with a duck-bill hood affixed loosely on my head. Surrounded by a mass of cheerful teachers, I awaited the coming of the intriguing group of kids that filled the halls of the North Shore Education Consortium for special needs. After a friendly conversation with a beaming middle-aged teacher, the quiet mumble of the crowd was broken by a parade of vans and short buses.

As they came to a squeaky halt, teachers darted left and right to their assigned vehicles, aiding their students from the enclosing steel frames to the open, endearing atmosphere of the school. I kept waiting, however, for the last student of my designated class. It was my job every morning to make sure he got off of the bus - a truly challenging task. Finally, after a long 30 minutes lapsed, van number 60 slowly rolled to a stop. The doors opened abruptly, and I ran up the steps and peered into the cabin. "Come on David!" I shouted positively, try-



Masco Senior Class President Steven of Boxford reads his speech 'Simply Beautiful' at the June 4 graduation in the Masconomet Field House. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY ELIZABETH COUGHLIN

ing my hardest to unglue him from the rear left seat. He routinely looked up at me with a blank expression and sauntered down the steps, following me to the second floor of the Consortium. I tried to make him feel comfortable, "How is your day David?" I said, encouraging a response, "How do you feel today?" My efforts to brighten his day seemed futile at every attempt, but on this day, at that moment, his straight, unemotional face erupted into a contagious smile. He began shaking his hands, dancing in place, happy to be with me. I turned around and stopped, witnessing the most cheerful 16 year-old in the world. Grinning, I asked him one more time; "David, how do you feel today?" He replied: "Beautiful."

My internship at the North Shore Education Consortium was one of the most unique and rewarding experiences of my life. I was reminded through David's enlightening smile, I can make a difference, we can all make a dif-

ference. In a world where hatred and anger are constantly highlighted on the evening newspaper, empathy is often shrouded by darkness. It is our obligation, however, to reveal the light, and help alleviate the world's persistent challenges.

This class that sits before you, Masconomet's class of 2010, is the beginning of a selfless generation of leaders and givers, determined to make our future into one of brilliance and hope. From the dirt roads of Peru, to the shambled shacks of Malawi, This class has already set forth a new standard of service and dedication. I encourage you all to continue your intrinsic venture to help others within our own country and throughout the world. I also challenge you all to make a positive difference, whether it is a significant contribution or a simple, friendly deed Use the opportunities, experiences, and education Masco has given to you to help you with this important task. Let's become resilient flames in a

brilliant hearth for peace, love, and compassion.

According to Winston Churchill, "Every Day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever- ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb." So, soon to be graduates, here begins our journey up a long, exciting and rewarding road. Part of it may feel overwhelming, and part will seem effortless; but regardless of its difficulties make every step a meaningful mark, so others may follow your defined footprints. Be Remembered and Be Great. Spread your light to every dark corner of the world. Give all the opportunity to feel "Beautiful".

It has been a privilege to serve this class throughout our short time here. I wish you all the best of luck in your future challenges.

Congratulations Class of 2010!

## Masco Class of 2010 says farewell

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- Zachar
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