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2017 LCPS Graduation Speakers Set

The speakers have been set for the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) 2017 graduation and completion ceremonies. Following (in alphabetical order by school) are the speakers:

Academy of Science

Date: June 9

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: LCPS Administrative Offices, School Board Meeting Room

Number of Graduates: 68

Guest Speaker: Alex Gagliano, AOS Alumnus

Alex is an astrophysicist who graduated from AOS in 2013.

Briar Woods High School

Date: June 12

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: EagleBank Arena

Number of Graduates: 370

Guest Speaker: Nicole E. Ivey

Ivey is a 2010 graduate of Briar Woods High School. While at Briar Woods, Ivey was her class president for four years, participated in the Falcon Regiment and Symphonic Winds and the girls' basketball team. After graduating from Briar Woods, she attended Yale University as a Coca-Cola National Scholar. At Yale, Ivey earned her degree in economics while working for digital agencies on accounts like Pepsi, Bloomberg and General Electric. She now works in vendor operations and strategy for Google, helping lead performance and operational strategy for global vendor teams.

All Night Graduation Party: Dave & Busters, 11 p.m. – 4 a.m., June 12-13

Broad Run High School

Date: June 11

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: EagleBank Arena

Number of Graduates: 425

Guest Speaker: Shannon Sheppard

Sheppard is a Broad Run graduate from the Class of 2008. During her time as a Spartan she was involved in DECA, serving as chapter president as well as the district president her senior year. Sheppard's biggest project with DECA was starting a week-long breast cancer awareness fundraiser her sophomore year. It has continued every year since 2005 and is known as the Broad Run Pink Game. She also served as the Spartans team manager for football for three seasons. After graduating from Broad Run she left for St. Bonaventure University, which is located outside of Buffalo, N.Y. Sheppard graduated with a bachelor of arts in journalism and mass communication in

2012. Sheppard now works as a sports reporter for WIVB-TV, the CBS station in Buffalo. Her sister, Kathleen, is graduating from Broad Run this year.

All Night Graduation Party: Ashburn Pavillion, 11:30 p.m. - 5 a.m., June 11-12

CAMPUS

Date: May 30

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Rock Ridge High School

Guest Speaker: Loudoun County Supervisor Koran T. Saines

Saines was elected to the Board of Supervisors representing the Sterling District in November 2015. He serves on the Board's Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee and represents Loudoun on the Northern Virginia Manpower Consortium Workforce Investment Board. He also serves as one of Loudoun's representatives on the Route 28 Transportation Improvement District Commission and is one of the Board's representatives on the Family Services Board. Saines is a Virginia native and graduated from Broad Run High School. He graduated from Indiana Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in human resource management. He is a single father to a 10-year-old son, and has been an assistant coach to his son's baseball team for several years. He currently works at Washington Gas Company as a human resource professional.

John Champe High School

Date: June 13

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: John Champe High School - Main Gymnasium

Number of Graduates: 353

Guest Speaker: Susan McCormick, Founder and Owner of the Wellness Connection

McCormick is the founder and owner of the Wellness Connection. A personal tragedy several years ago inspired a career change for her and she now focuses on helping individuals and families in a variety of ways to optimize health and well-being. On November 4, 2016, the Wellness Connection was named Loudoun County's Small Business Winner for 2016. McCormick received both her master's degree in marriage and family therapy as well as her bachelor's degree in business from Virginia Tech.

All Night Graduation Party: Lifetime, 10:30 p.m. - 5 a.m., June 13-14

Dominion High School

Date: June 11

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Dominion High School - Main Gymnasium

Number of Graduates: 300

Guest Speaker: Corey Burns, Social Sciences Teacher

Burns currently teaches social sciences in Titan Territory and is a 2006 graduate of Dominion High School.

Douglass School

Date: June 1

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Douglass School, Cafeteria

Speaker: Superintendent Dr. Eric Williams

Williams joined LCPS as superintendent in 2014 after serving as the superintendent of the York County, Virginia, Public Schools. He has implemented the Vision 20/20 Strategic Planning process and the One to the World instructional initiative during his tenure with LCPS.

Freedom High School

Date: June 11

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: EagleBank Arena

Number of Graduates: 350

Guest Speaker: Andrew Flagel, PhD, Senior Vice President for Students and Enrollment, Brandeis University

Andrew Flagel is senior vice president for students and enrollment at Brandeis University, a top-tier, medium-sized, private research university in suburban Boston. As the chief student affairs and enrollment officer, he leads the offices of Admissions, Student Activities, Financial Aid, Athletics, Housing, Orientation, Career Services and Student Health and Counseling Services, among many others serving the Brandeis community. He also is a senior lecturer in the Brandeis College of Arts and Sciences, and serves on the Educational Advisory Board of US News and World Report and on the Board of Trustees of the Tremont School.

All Night Graduation Party: The Zone, 11p.m. – 5:30 a.m., June 11-12

Heritage High School

Date: June 11

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Heritage High School - Stadium

Number of Graduates: 430

Guest Speaker: J. Randall Minchew, Virginia House of Delegates

Minchew's leadership and service to the Leesburg and Loudoun County community has taken many forms during the past 25 years. A founding member and two-term chairman of the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission, as well as a founding member and chair of the Rural Economic Development Task Force, he takes particular pride in the "100,000 Acre Solution," a detailed plan for strengthening the economic base of rural Loudoun County while preserving scenic areas and open space. His service to the community includes years spent on the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Loudoun County Finance Board, the Citizens' Tax Equity Committee and the Loudoun Judicial Center Task Force. In 2010, Governor Bob McDonnell appointed Minchew as his deputy counselor and advisor, a position he held until he decided to seek elective service in 2011 as the delegate from the newly created 10th House of Delegates District of Virginia.

All Night Graduation Party: Ida Lee Recreation Center, 11 p.m. - 4 a.m., June 11-12

Loudoun County High School

Date: June 12

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Loudoun County High School - Front Lawn

Number of Graduates: 350

Guest Speaker: Stephen Patrick Cypher, Student, Class of 2017

Cypher has been a Raider since age 1 when his oldest brother joined the class of 2004. He is the last of four siblings graduating from Loudoun County High School. Cypher will attend the Catholic University of America this fall on an Air Force ROTC scholarship majoring in mechanical engineering.

All Night Graduation Party: Ida Lee Recreation Center, 11 p.m. – 5 a.m., June 12-13

Loudoun Valley

Date: June 12

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Loudoun Valley High School - Leonard Stadium

Number of Graduates: 350

Guest Speaker: Claudia Bolen-Sullivan, Educator

Bolen-Sullivan is a member of the first graduating class of Loudoun Valley High School. She had a career in education spanning more than 30 years, all in Loudoun County, where she served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal.

Community Organized Baccalaureate:

June 4, 2 p.m. – Loudoun Valley High School Auditorium

Monroe Technology Center

Date: June 8

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Tuscarora High School

Number of Graduates: 328

Guest Speaker: Wayde Byard, Public Information Officer for LCPS

Byard has worked as the public information officer for Loudoun County Public Schools since June 2000. Prior to entering his current role, he spent 20 years as a reporter, sports editor and assistant managing editor for the Columbia Missourian, Columbian Daily Tribune and The Winchester Star.

Park View High School

Date: June 12

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: EagleBank Arena

Number of Graduates: 322

Guest Speaker: Mario Zangla, Teacher at Park View High School

Zangla graduated from Loudoun County High School in 1987 and went on to The College of William & Mary. Initially interested in education, the young Zangla took a wrong turn, majored in marketing and earned a bachelor of business administration

degree. After a brief stint with an investment banking firm, Zangla realized he made a huge mistake. He then returned to his initial plan, education, and took classes at night and on weekends to earn his master of education degree from Marymount University. With the help of Philippe Rosenthal, Zangla landed an interview at Park View in August of 1995. Since that time, he has had the great fortune to be a small contributor to the rich Park View High School legacy.

All Night Graduation Party: Claude Moore Park

Potomac Falls High School

Date: June 13

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Potomac Falls High School - Panther Stadium

Number of Graduates: 390

Guest Speaker: Eileen Fauteux, 2013 Potomac Falls High School Graduate

Fauteux is a member of the Potomac Falls class of 2013. She graduated from Virginia Tech, summa cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in psychology. During her four years at Virginia Tech, she was involved with Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity, the Blacksburg High School track and field team as an assistant hurdle coach and with the medical community in Blacksburg as a certified nurse's aide. She will attend physician assistant graduate school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. As a survivor and patient advocate of a pediatric cancer called Ewing's sarcoma, she looks forward to applying both her personal experience, leadership and knowledge toward her career in medicine.

Riverside High School

Date: June 12

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Riverside High School - Stadium

Number of Graduates: 200

Guest Speaker: Lynn Davies, Social Sciences and Global Studies Department Chair, Riverside High School

Davies heads the Social Sciences and Global Studies Department at Riverside High School as well as the Lambs to Rams freshman mentorship program; a leadership team of juniors and seniors who work diligently to transition students from middle to high school with meaningful, authentic lessons related to student interests and needs. She was selected by the seniors to be their keynote speaker.

All Night Graduation Party: Riverside High School, 11 p.m. - 5 a.m., June 12-13

Rock Ridge High School

Date: June 11

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Rock Ridge High School - Stadium

Number of Graduates: 310

Guest Speaker: Leslie Morgan Steiner, Author

Steiner is an author, blogger and public speaker on violence against women and other issues including motherhood, parenting and infertility. She is a spokeswoman at the Harriet Tubman Center in Minneapolis and a board member for The One Love Foundation and DC Volunteer Lawyers Project.

All Night Graduation Party: Rock Ridge High School, 10 p.m. – 6 a.m., June 11-12

Stone Bridge High School

Date: June 12

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: EagleBank Arena

Number of Graduates: 456

Guest Speaker: Muoka Musau, Health PE/Drivers Education Teacher

Musau is a 2007 graduate of Stone Bridge and is completing his fifth year teaching at his alma mater. This is his second season as head varsity soccer coach. He is a 2012 graduate of Eastern Mennonite University.

All Night Graduation Party: Stone Bridge High School, 11:30 p.m. - 5 a.m., June 12-13

Tuscarora High School

Date: June 13

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Tuscarora High School - Fortune Field

Number of Graduates: 360

Guest Speaker: Kevin McCarthy, Movie Critic

McCarthy covers movies, entertainment and celebrity news for FOX 5 DC and is a regular contributor on FOX News Channel's "Fox & Friends." He is also a weekly guest on 106.7 FM's morning radio show "The Sports Junkies."

All Night Graduation Party: Ida Lee Recreation Center, 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 a.m., June 13-14

Woodgrove High School

Date: June 13

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Woodgrove High School - Stadium

Number of Graduates: 395

Guest Speaker: Richard Treat Gillespie, Historian Emeritus of the Mosby Heritage Area Association

Gillespie is the historian emeritus of the Mosby Heritage Area Association, based in Middleburg. He retired as executive director in January 2017. Gillespie also had served as the director of education for the Heritage Area since 2004, in charge of school and public programming. He taught U.S. History for 30 years at Loudoun Valley High.

Community Organized Baccalaureate:

June 12, 6:30 p.m. - Purcellville Baptist Church

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