

# The Class of 2017

Cody Lee Agin →	Dawson Duane Kemp
Courtney Lynn Argus ♂→	Carli Marie Kueper
Skylure Ann Barlow	Kaitlyn Gabriel Cheyenne Kyle ♂→
Carrigan Sue Bequette	Taylor Alexandria Law ♂→
Tiffany Lynn Bivins→	Briana Kaylynn Leesmann→
Mariah Joy Blunk	Hailey Elizabeth Little ♂→
Chyanne Alyce Brown ♂→	Katelynn Marie Long
DeonJenee' Laniece Brown	Ashlyn Rose Manring
Ethan Joseph Brown	Jimmy Glen Mantz
Jared Floyd Brown	Emily Lynn Misak →
Megan Katherine Brown ♂→	Kaitlyn Marie Morris →
Lisbeth Abigail Caballero	Dustin Lee Mueller →
Benjamin Clayton Chartrand →	Taylor Alicia Murphy
Dylan Michael Coleman →	Michael Lee Overbay
Chandler Zachary Comte	Brittany Michelle Phillips →
Autumn Kay Daniels →	Morgan Christine Ragsdale →
Jarrett David Dixon ♂→	Cody Gavin Richardson
Lisa Ann Duty ♂→	Scott Edward Russell
Taylor Marie Esmon ♂	Stormy Lynn Michelle Sellers →
Nicole Lee Foster	Sarah Michelle Shearrer→
Austin Shane Francis ♂	Julianne Michelle Snider ♂
Hannah Renee Francis ♂	Kenneth Joseph Spisak
Jeffrey Eric Gamble	Taylor Marie Spradley
Jami Lin Gardner	Taylor Andrew Stanek
Joshua Thomas Goodrich	Jason Marvion Emanuel Thomas
Arryanna Marie Griffin ♂→	Taylor Nicole Vaughan ♂
MacKay Johnston Ham →	Aaron Joseph Weiss
Jacob Michael Hart	Dylan Andrew Wetzel
Kailey Marie Heusohn♂	Samia Renee' Williams
Randell Evan Huggins	Timothy William Wright
Brent Keith Imhoff	Kaitlyn Marie Yancy
Anthony Carl Jones	Emily Rae Ann Zack

♂ Denotes National Honor Society Member  
 → Denotes successful completion of at least three years of AFJROTC

# Commencement Program

Pre-Commencement:	Air Force JROTC Color Guard <i>Please Rise for the National Anthem performed by          Morgan Christine Ragsdale</i> <i>Remain standing while the faculty and graduates process</i>
The Processional:	Pomp and Circumstance <i>Edward Elgar</i>
Welcome 2017 Class President:	Hannah Francis
Class Sponsor Address and Service Awards:	Ms. Micah Corbin
Teacher's Union Scholarships:	Ms. Beth Lenz
Class Scholarship/Awards	Ms. Krystin Baker
Athletic Awards:	Ms. Jill Puckett
Mabel Otten Citizenship Awards:	Major Michael Conley SMSgt John Solomon
Admiral Trost Award:	Mr. William Harris
Valedictorian & Salutatorian Awards:	Mr. William Harris Mr. Tim McChristian
Salutatorian Address:	Kaitlyn Gabriel Cheyenne Kyle
Valedictorian Addresses:	Megan Katherine Brown Arryanna Marie Griffin Taylor Alexandria Law Taylor Nicole Vaughan
Superintendent's Remarks:	Dr. Stephen Smith
Presentation of the Class:	Mr. William Harris
Conferring of Diplomas:	Board of Education
Recessional:	Pomp and Circumstance <i>Edward Elgar</i>

## *Welcome*

The Commencement exercise is an extracurricular activity sponsored by the Board of Education of Dupu Community School District 196, Dupu, Illinois, and Dr. Stephen Smith, Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education congratulates our graduates, and welcomes their families and friends to this happy occasion.

**Special thanks to our Junior Class Officers for escorting our graduates: Ashley Fuller, Courtney Stanek, Haleigh DeBourge, Victoria Ragsdale**

## *The History of the Cap and Gown*

Academic dress dates back to the formation of early universities in Europe, beginning around the twelfth century. At this time the dress of scholars, be they students or teachers, was the same clothing worn by priests. Historians think that the long gowns were worn by these people to keep warm in the unheated buildings of the time. Hoods seem to have been worn to keep bare heads warm, in place of traditional skull caps.

American schools adopted a code of academic dress at the end of the Nineteenth Century, and this has been revised several times since.

Our graduates wear a robe and a cap called a mortar board in the colors of the school. The tassels are shifted from one side to the other following graduation.

Our faculty wears robes that are slightly different, depending upon their degree (bachelor; master; doctorate) and they wear hoods denoting the colors of their university and a color assigned to their field of study. Our faculty members have earned degrees from many different schools, in a wide variety of fields, and from varying advanced degrees. That is the reason for the wide variety of hoods worn by our teachers during the graduation exercise.

## *To Our Guests*

Commencement is the most meaningful of academic ceremonies. This formal conferral of degrees marks the graduates' mastery of high school curricula. At its best, it is an occasion of dignity, recognition, and celebration. To preserve the decorum of the event, please exercise etiquette appropriate for the occasion, and express your excitement in ways that will not prevent others from hearing the speakers and enjoying the ceremony.

# *Dupu Community High School*



*May 13, 2017 10:00 a.m.  
Dupu High School Gymnasium*