

## The Conditions of a Wildcat

Here we are. Ready to end our journey and start a new one. We only arrived here four short years ago and it is quite mind blowing that it is already our time to go, I feel that we were just freshmen daring to make new friends and learn new things, now we are seniors heading out into the world. Over our four years at Woodside we were encouraged to embody and explore the eight conditions of success. As freshmen we thought of the eight conditions as just a poster hanging in the classroom or words on the back of our planner that teachers wanted us to learn about but as we have matured the eight conditions have really embodied our high school experience and I think the class of 2015 represents these eight conditions beautifully.

Woodside High School is a place where there is something for all of us, something that makes us BELONG. My classmates and I may all look the same here today in our caps and gowns, but among our class we have comedians, artists, athletes, intellectuals, engineers, and performers. We bring a piece of everything that can make anyone feel that they belong.

Since freshmen year we have come across teachers and coaches that have become our heroes who believed in us, and who we learned valuable lessons from. Lessons that we will hopefully remember for the rest of our lives. Not to mention our parents for always being our heroes by supporting us and helping us with everything. We have also formed friendships and become each other's HEROES and inspirations.

The Class of 2015 has ACCOMPLISHED great things over our time here. We have participated on sports teams that have traveled to playoffs and CCS, performed in full house shows, been awarded merit scholars and students of the month, created clubs, and got through the SEP alive. Not to mention the accomplishment of graduating here today.

Aside from our hard work we have had countless FUN and EXCITING times over the past four years here at Woodside. Including homecoming celebrations, winning spirit points three years in a row, showing off our dance moves at prom, stuffing our face with Taco Bell on club day, working the runway in the senior fashion show, and not to mention our victory in the football against Sequoia this past fall.

We have been encouraged to ask “why” or “why not” about the world around us. And from today on instead of just asking our teachers, we will get to experience the “why” and “why not’s” on our own, be CURIOUS and CREATIVE and be able to learn and create our own answers to those questions.

The Class of 2015 was able to explore and try many new things and we were always encouraged to get involved at Woodside. And I only hope we will all keep our SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE after high school and beyond, that we will be excited to experience change and brave enough to try different things in our journeys ahead.

High school entailed us growing up and learning and making mistakes, we had to step up take control on our own. Good or bad we have learned to accept RESPONSIBILITY for our actions and are now ready to make our own decisions, to be the change and the next leaders of our generation.

Now is finally our time to TAKE ACTION. We can set goals for our future and be CONFIDENT enough to achieve them, confident enough to try them again when we fail and follow any crazy dream that crosses our mind. Steve Jobs said, “ Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life...Stay hungry. Stay foolish.”

As high school comes to an end we have a chance to reflect on our experience.-These days at Woodside are the days that we will remember for the rest of our lives and we will one day be telling stories of our amazing memories here. How we laughed and cried and most importantly learned. Now that we are graduating seniors, those eight conditions are more than just words on a poster hanging in our classroom. They truly embodied our journey through high school. They represent what we learned,

experienced, and will be something positive that we all carry in us beyond Woodside. We don't have to decide exactly what we want now, we can change paths and discover what we like. Now some of us will be going off into college, others will be going into the workforce, or maybe taking a year off to travel or explore life, whatever it is we do I have high hopes for the Class of 2015, I know that the eight conditions will always be in us and we will use them in our lives without even realizing it. Thank you to all the incredible people I have met and have formed some really special bonds. Thank you to all our families, friends, teachers, and coaches who have stood by us on this journey and helped us to have a memorable experience here at Woodside.