The Grateful Graduate

As the journey of high school comes to an end, it is a time of reflection and pause on those who helped you get to this point in your life. From the start of Kindergarten to the final phase of your senior year, what teacher made the biggest impact on your life?

Would you tell them just how much their time, presence, and commitment meant to you? What would the impact be if a teacher heard those words of gratitude come from you?

What would be the impact if you read your letter to the teacher while wearing your cap and gown in front of the teacher’s class?

What if the teacher didn’t know you were coming, a total surprise of gratitude being shared with so many?

We are asking for any graduate to do the following event; this is not mandatory.

1. Complete the Google Form expressing interest in participating in this event.

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1. Write a letter to a teacher whether it be from elementary school or here at the high school that has made the biggest impact in your life. This letter is to illustrate what this teacher did for you and how this impact got you to the stage of receiving your diploma.
2. Information/Ideas to put within the letter

In what capacity have you known this teacher? Grade taught, location, subject matter.

Why are you standing in this teacher’s classroom speaking to them?

What impact did this teacher make on you academically and emotionally?

What has their legacy meant to you and how will you carry what they taught you into the next chapter of your life?

Why are you thankful for them?

1. Submit this form to Mrs. Mortensen by **February 25th, 2022.**
2. The celebration will occur during the month of April. Mrs. Mortensen will work to put together the schedule of when you will present and excuse you for the time to complete this activity. Your responsibility will be to have your letter ready along with your cap & gown. If you need to borrow a cap and gown for this activity, please speak to Mrs. Mortensen. If leaving the RHS site, a permission slip will be filled out in order to ride with Mrs. Mortensen or Mrs. Goudeau to the site within Ripon. If individual is out of district, it will be mailed to the instructor.
3. In our adaptation to making this event better each year, we understand that it may not be easy for you to stand in front of people to read such a letter, so we have a few other options available to you. Please read the google form thoroughly.