



Louis "Hop" Kendrick gave the Craig Academy 2006 graduation address.

"Our wish is that you recognize how important you are... You will be the ones who make a difference in our world.

We wish you the best as you follow your dreams and we thank you for sharing yourselves with us during your time at Craig Academy."

Senior Moments

In June, 15 Craig Academy students left the Craig Academy building for the last time – as graduates. Family and friends watched as they received their diplomas, ready to move forward and into the "real world."

Speaking at the graduation, Craig Academy's Program Director, Denise Sedlacek praised them for all of their hard work and thanked them for making Craig Academy such a special place.

"The kids took pride in their work and in their school," Sedlacek said, noting the garden landscaping that the students had created. "They are ready for what life has in store for them."

Louis "Hop" Kendrick, an East End politician who also worked in the public defender's office, gave the graduation address, telling the graduates, "You are somebody. This is a milestone in your life, be proud. Don't let anyone define who you can

become. You have come too far to fail. You can, if you think you can. All things are possible."

Two graduates were awarded with Caring for Children Awards, \$500 scholarships to a college or vocational school program. The recipients have up to 2 years to choose the university or vocational program of their choice. The scholarships were presented by and in the names of Richard Morton, who has been a custodian at Craig Academy for more than 30 years and Mary Ann Noullet, who has worked in the cafeteria for more than 10 years.

"Working here, being with kids who came from the same place I came from has been great," Morton explained. "If I can escape the situation I grew up in, so can they."

Graduates received a diploma from Craig Academy as well as fulfilled the graduation requirements of their home school district.

**"Your life jacket is education,
use it to save your life."**

--Richard Morton