

## KDS Celebrates Graduation 2017

Graduation is a KDS tradition which involves many activities and much planning and preparation. It is the culmination of thirteen years of work and serves as the starting point for the next phase of these students' young lives. This year, 112 young men and women graduated from KDS DAR School.



The 2017 Commencement Address was given by 1996 KDS graduate Jim Page, President and C.E.O. of the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce in Tuscaloosa. As a distinguished alumnus and leader in our state's business community, Jim's message offered the graduates a look into the current business climate as well as the forecast for future growth industries. He also shared some practical advice and his thoughts on how being a KDS graduate both influenced and prepared him for his career.



Student speakers Leeann Myers and Ana-Lee Beard reflected on their time at KDS and shared special memories and inspirational thoughts with their classmates and families and friends in attendance.





*Laryngitis didn't stop National School Chair Peggy Troxell from sharing greetings and well-wishes with the graduates.*



*Friends celebrate reaching this milestone.*



*These girls were all smiles before the ceremony.*

*Leeann Myers receives her diploma from her mother and KDS High School Assistant Principal Carrie Ann Myers.*



*Wyatt Sutphin receives his diploma from High School Principal Stacy Anderton.*

*The procession of graduates is a time of heightened emotions. Kendra Seeley is in tears, but her best friend Bailey Stewart comforts her by holding her hand in the processional.*

