
One Two, Almost Through

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“I’m not really ready to leave Riverdale. I’ve made so many friends; I don’t want to leave them behind as I go out into the real world,” said senior Dylan Walker.

As May 20 is rapidly approaching, RHS students are filled with a mixture of feelings when it comes to graduating. From last minute college choices to leaving friends behind, this time of the year is thrilling yet bittersweet. Many students including senior Donte Souviney just made a decision last week. She plans to join the Army saying, “I have thought a lot about it but never [participated] in ROTC.”

On the other hand, senior Bianca Garza has known her calling since she was a little girl—going to beauty school. Garza, from the beginning, played with Bratz dolls and loved doing their hair and now she’s ready to acquire her degree. Although she’s unsure on which school she will attend, Garza said, “[I have narrowed it down to two schools,] Paul Mitchell and Georgia Career Institute.”

While making these lifelong decisions, RHS students feel they’re adequately prepared for what lies ahead. Walker said, “I do feel that I am prepared for college. I have learned a lot from the teachers I’ve had over the past four years.” As far as advice goes, “Teachers always have the best in mind! You may think they assign too much work or are too strict; but that’s nothing compared to what you will go through in college or the workforce.”

Many seniors also agree maintaining a good GPA is extremely important as an underclassman. If students play their cards right and actually do the work that is required, senior year will be a breeze.

When it comes to second semester, some students start to question themselves on whether or not they’re ready to leave high school behind. Some students, however, seem to feel very confident. “I believe I am (hopefully) prepared for college. All my teachers have taught me everything that I need to know and the same,” says senior Cheryl-Ann Whitaker. “If I could, I would love to skip forward and graduate now, right now. People say not to wish your life away, but I’m really just ready to move on. The best part of leaving high school is being able to go to college to learn the things you want to learn. I’ll definitely miss all of my friends, but let’s face it: we’re all going to move on and probably won’t see each other much,” Whitaker said.