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## Salutatorian says to swim naked!

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Mary Przyborowski couldn't help but gush as the 136 members of Bacon Academy's senior class accepted their diplomas Friday night. She was one of 6 members of Bacon Academy's class of 1952 who attended this year's commencement, a graduation the Colchester native said was quite unlike her own.

Back then there were only 24 graduates and the high school was a quaint building in the center of town.

Class Salutatorian Allison Carragher

gave the 1952 class a nod in her speech as she encouraged her classmates to let go of the past as they embrace the future, to take chances and start living their lives without regrets.

"We are young and they say you are only young once," she said. **"Go swimming . . . naked. Why not? Seize the day."**

Like many commencement ceremonies, the evening was filled with speeches about the past, the future and the paths less traveled.

Valedictorian Kristin Fosdick asked her class to follow their dreams and live positive lives in a sometimes-jaded world. Superintendent John Vitale said he wanted

the class to continue demonstrating its leadership and talents and School Board Chairman William Hettrick pushed the graduates to live their days exuding courage, patience and respect.

But, the emotional height of the ceremony came as Senior Class President Nathan Caron said goodbye to the class of 2002.

"It's hard to imagine that we've spent 13 years together and it's harder yet to imagine not seeing you each and every day," Caron said with a shaky voice.

"There are not enough words in the English language to tell you how much you all mean to me," he said. "I will miss you more than I can express." ☆