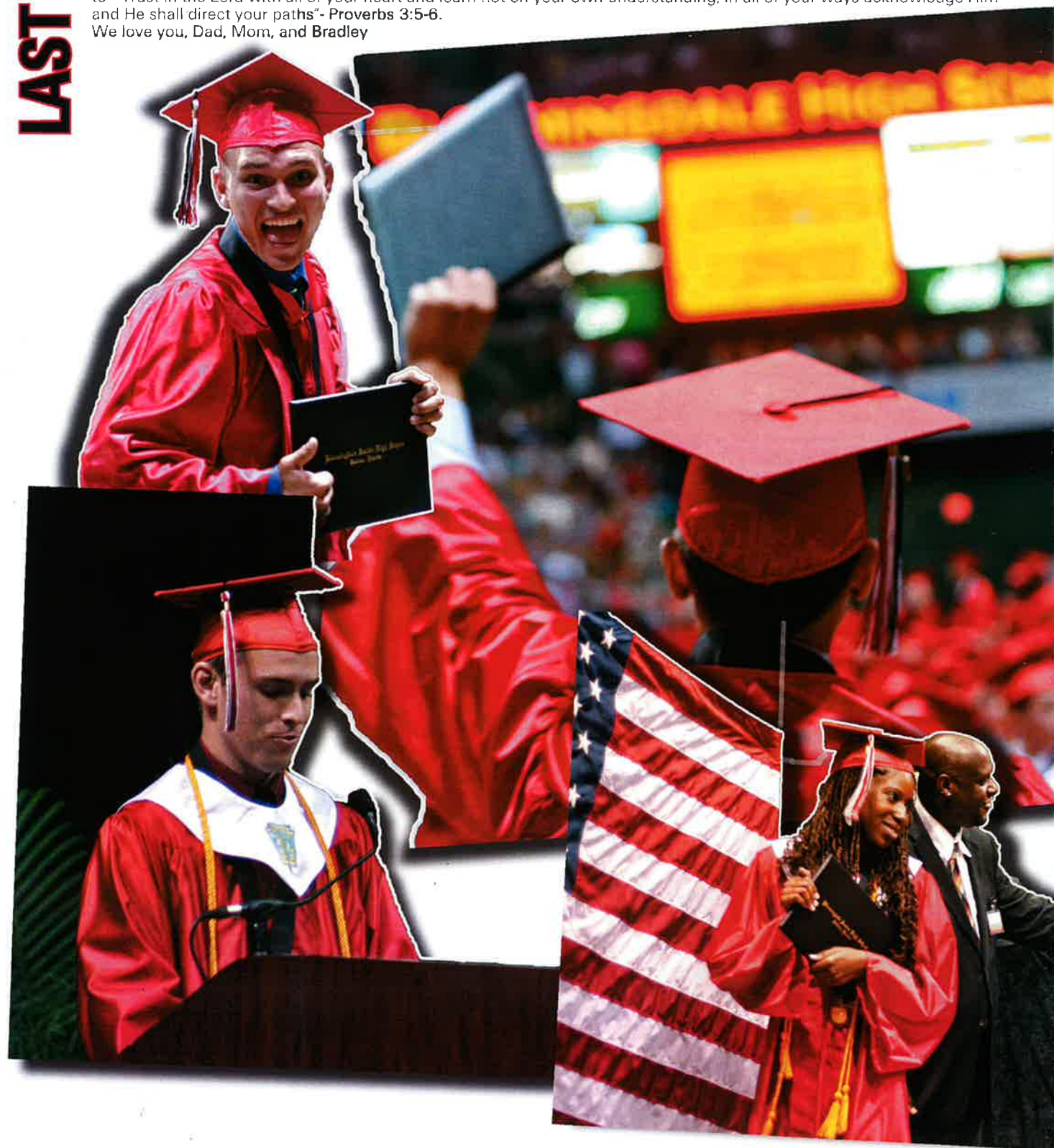


LAST WISHES

Aimee Elizabeth Kelleher,
Congratulations to our youngest child & sibling on your graduation!! We are all so extremely proud of you. You have surprised us from the very beginning and throughout your youth. You have matured into a beautiful, strong, sensitive and dedicated young woman. Your confidence to succeed in every aspect of your life is amazing. You have accomplished more with your gymnastics than we could have possibly imagined. Your hopes, dreams & determination will guide you towards your future. Believe in yourself as we believe in you, we'll always be with you. We wish you great success in the years ahead.
We love you with all our hearts, Mom, Dad, Stacey & Heather

Brett Myers,
Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you and thank God for you everyday! We know you will continue to- "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and learn not on your own understanding; in all of your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths"- Proverbs 3:5-6.
We love you, Dad, Mom, and Bradley



FINAL FAREWELL

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The graduating class of 2009 arrived at the USF Sundome dressed in their satin red caps and gowns. Behind the stage, the administrators and teachers prepared them for their nerve-wracking walk across the stage. Honor court was lined up by GPA order and the rest were lined up alphabetically.

At 7:00 pm the band began to play "Pomp and Circumstance" as the seniors walked into the Sundome. Principal Mark West began the evening by welcoming all the seniors, their family, and their friends to the 2009 graduation ceremony. The senior Ambassadors sang the National Anthem as the AFJROTC presented the colors, and then the speeches began.

Salutatorian Kayla Aebischer spoke first. She commented on all the accomplishments her class achieved, and at the end of her speech she quoted fictional character Benjamin Button, from the hit movie "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

Valedictorian Jacob Keith followed by first thanking all the administrators, teachers, friends and family that arrived for the ceremony. He continued by giving his classmates very useful advice, "Just be yourself." He then went into an explanation about how those three words had been spoken to them since they were little. He proceeded to tell his class that no matter where they go or what happens in the future, just do something and make it great.

Mr. West spoke after with a motivational speech about making the future great and never forgetting to "stop and smell the flowers on the side of the path."

Finally, former Assistant Principal Sue Burkett began to read students' names as they happily walked across the stage to get their diplomas. After all 541 seniors received their diplomas, Mr. West pronounced them official graduates of Bloomingdale High School.

Ecstatically, the once seniors exited the Sundome to the sounds of the band playing. As they walked out of the Sundome with their friends and family, they walked into a new chapter

