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COVINGTON TWP. - North Pocono High School's valedictorian told his fellow graduates at Wednesday's graduation ceremony to take their North Pocono pride with them to the next phases of their lives, but also to not dwell on the past.

"Our time here is complete, and we are ready to move on," David Yatsonsky said. "There is nothing left here for us but memories. We are already in the books, so to speak, and any impact we could have made at North Pocono has passed. We are now going to embrace the new endeavors and take the next step in the voyage of our lives."



He told his classmates to use the talents they have cultivated over the past 13 years to find success in whatever walk of life they choose.

"This is an exciting time, a time of opportunity, a time to start anew, a time to learn, grow, laugh and love," added salutatorian Rebecca DeGiosio. "If there are any words of wisdom I feel confident in giving tonight, they're these: seize opportunity. Don't waste a moment, because as we now all realize, time flies fast."

Superintendent Bryan McGraw listed numerous achievements the class of 2013 has made, ranging from academics to athletics, telling the students they are, indeed, "North Pocono proud."

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Parents: David and Linda Yatsonsky

Clubs and Activities: Captain of the Science Olympiad team, executive officer of the Junior Statesman Club, member of the baseball team

Plans: Study biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Scranton

Salutatorian Rebecca DeGiosio

Parents: Anthony and Catherine DeGiosio

Clubs and Activities: Interact Club, Science Olympiad, marching and concert bands

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