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Richard Milburn Academy: Graduation 2007

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COMMENCEMENT NOTES

Graduation for Richard Milburn doesn't resemble the subdued, some would say boring, ceremonies of other schools. And that's OK. So what if parents hoot and holler to show their pride, or if seniors do a little dance before they get their diploma? They've earned it; this is their night.

The black stretch limousine parked outside Dunbar High's auditorium gave it away; this was a special night. Richard Milburn opened five years ago to serve students at risk of dropping out, or who already did, and other teens who don't quite fit the prototype at public schools. Next fall, Richard Milburn will open a second campus in Lee County to satisfy the need for more alternative schools.

COMMENCEMENT QUOTES

"A high school diploma is the first of many steps toward your future. It shows the world that you're ready for the next challenge."

- Patricia Lightner, principal of Richard Milburn Academy.

"When you walk, walk with your head held high. When you speak, speak with pride and confidence."

- Anh Thuy Tran, 16, salutatorian.



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Spurred on by an appreciative crowd, Bobo Howard celebrates when his name is called to receive his high school diploma during the commencement ceremony for Richard Milburn Academy on Tuesday evening in the Dunbar High School auditorium.

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SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

- School: Richard Milburn Academy
- City: Fort Myers
- Principal: Patricia Lightner
- Number of graduates: 92
- Valedictorian: Alexandria Viens
- Salutatorian: Anh Thuy Tran
- Senior class officers: Kwanzaa Lawrence (president); Jackee Campbell (vice president); Janae Brown (secretary); Samuel Jordan (treasurer)
- Percentage of graduates going to:
 - Four-year college: 28 percent
 - Two-year college: 47 percent
 - Work: 0
 - Technical schools: 15 percent
 - Military: 10 percent

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