

# LOWERY HIGH SCHOOL ~ 1960

Donaldsonville, Louisiana



To bring out the best in young hearts and minds, to stimulate them to explore ideals and ideas, requires inspired teaching. And this is where America's educational triumph lies, for truly inspired teaching can come only where the teacher is free to speak and see and say the truth as he finds it.

—Leroy Collins, Governor of Florida

Lowery High School  
Donaldsonville, Louisiana  
May 10, 1960

Dear Patrons and School Board Officials:

At the opening of the 1959-60 school session, we moved into our new school facilities which were made available through the joint efforts of taxpayers and the School Board.

It is indeed gratifying and encouraging to know that our citizens are willing to meet and accept the demands of present-day living by providing better educational opportunities. We are now in a position to improve our quality of learning and teaching because we have more of the basic things fundamental to a sound educational program. However, we must agree that the true quality of a school program is determined primarily by the caliber of its faculty and students. To achieve the stability for which we yearn in our children, we must first achieve that stability within ourselves, our patrons, and the citizens of this community.

We have no doubts that our students will be more informed than in previous years. They must become more sensitive to the need of developing self-discipline and in accepting the responsibilities of citizenship. We must study the past to learn what we can use for the future and to profit from the mistakes of others. In the years ahead, a person who fails to take advantage of the educational opportunities now available will be a threat to the security of all.

Our graduating class consists of 24 boys and 27 girls. The mothers and fathers of these students rightly deserve commendation for having the insight and courage to see the real need of a high school education. We hope each will face life with this attitude: "to seek out a course of reason that avoids both dumb submission and blind revolt".

We ask God's blessings for each one of you.

Very truly yours,

E. C. LAND and STAFF

"Chance favors only those minds which are prepared" — Louis Pasteur



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"Always keep your face toward the sun — the shadows will fall behind" —Selected





"This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it". —Ralph Waldo Emerson



"It is in such time as these that you remain calm before the degradation of public morality" —Alexis De Tocqueville

# BACCALAUREATE EXERCISES

Sunday, May 29, 1960

4.00 P. M.

Processional \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty and Class '60

Anthem \_\_\_\_\_ Lift Every Voice and Sing \_\_\_\_\_ Audience

Invocation \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. John Polete

Musical Selections 1. How Great Thou Art \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Chorus  
2. Jacob's Ladder \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Chorus

Introduction of Speaker

Baccalaureate Sermon \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. A. C. Daniels  
Pastor First Israel  
Baptist Church  
Belle Alliance, La.

Musical Selections 1. Listen to the Lambs \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Chorus  
2. Ezekial Saw The Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Chorus

Offertory

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional \_\_\_\_\_ Class '60



REV. A. C. DANIELS  
B. A. Leland College  
B. D., New Orleans Baptist  
Theological Seminary



# GRADUATES



Myrtle Lee Bailey



Alton Billy



Edward Charles Brooks



Ivory Brown, Jr.



Rose Mary Brunswick



George Aron Butler



Herman Comminey



Brenda Delaney



Gloria Dean Dorsey



Naomi Lee Dright



Irene I. Frazier



Elsie Mae Gallon

G R A D U A T E S



Janet Melodie Ganes



Mary Alice Gibson



Barbara Ann Greene



Beulah M. Harris



Kathleen Harvey



Claude P. Jenkins



Frankie D. Johnson



Joyce Marie Johnson



Shirley Mae Johnson



Yvonne Jeane Jones



Carolyn Joseph



Eula Mae Joshua



# GRADUATES



Freddie Kelson



Frances Ann Kennix



Lionel Kinsey



Cleveland Lardry



Gale Marie LaRoche



Joseph Lawrence Linton



Gloria Lunkin



Charles Matthews



Arthur McDonald



Spurgan Moore



Pearly Mae Nicholas



Walter Nicholas, Jr.

# GRADUATES



Ernest Pefescleaux



Brenda L. Pinkins



Eartha L. Rayborn



Eugene Richardson



James Robinson



Elaine Marie Sims



Clarence Singleton



Edward Smith



James Smith, Jr.



Philip Steven, Jr.



Alvin Stewart



Ralph Thompson

G R A D U A T E S



Betty Lou Williams

"JUNIOR MISS LOWERY" 1960



Mary Ann Williams



Paul Gilbert Wilson

"MISS LOWERY" 1960



Sharon Ann Gouthier



Elaine Marie Sims



# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Thursday, June 2, 1960

7:45 P. M.

Processional.....Faculty and Class '60

Song.....The National Anthem.....Audience

Invocation.....Rev. J. E. Roberts

Musical Selections.....1. Let Mount Zion Rejoice.....Mixed Chorus  
2. Only Nineteen.....Girls' Chorus

Introduction of Speaker.....Supt. Gordon A. Webb

Commencement Address.....Dr. E. Lester Cole  
Grambling College  
Grambling, La.

Musical Selections.....1. Allelulia.....Trio  
2. The Lord Takes Care of Us.....Mixed Chorus

Awarding of Diplomas.....Dr. P. H. LeBlanc, President  
Ascension Parish School  
Board

Special Awards.....E. C. Land, Principal

Benediction

Recessional.....Class '69

# FACULTY AND STAFF

MRS. JUANITA M. DANDRIDGE..... B. A., Grambling College	3rd Grade
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MISS VIVIAN A. FRANKLIN..... B. A., Xavier University M. S., Louisiana State University	Librarian
MRS. DOROTHY B. FRENCH..... B. A., Leland College	4th Grade
MRS. WILLIANA A. HILL..... B. S., Grambling College	1st Grade
MISS AUDREY M. HUBBARD..... B. A., Southern University	4th Grade
MRS. ODILE J. HUEY..... B. S., Southern University M. Ed., University of Illinois	Business Education
WILBERT HUEY..... B. S., Xavier University	Health and Physical Education
MISS MARY ALINE JACKSON..... B. A., Southern University	2nd Grade
MISS BABBETTE D. JOSEPH..... B. S., Xavier University	Music
MRS. DOROTHY S. JULIEN..... B. S., Xavier University	Home Economics and Science
MRS. MAE ROSE L. JULIEN..... B. A., Grambling College	3rd Grade
MRS. ELLA MAE F. KENNEDY..... B. A., Leland College	6th Grade

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B. A., Xavier University	
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B. S., Southern University	
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B. S., Southern University	
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D. A. Leland College	
Mrs. EMMA L. SIMS	3rd Grade
B. A., Grambling College	



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MRS. MATTIE F. DANIELS.....	Supervisor
B. A., Leland College	
M. A., New York University	
E. C. LAND.....	Principal
B. A., Bishop College	
M. Ed., Atlanta University	
MRS. JOAN G. PIERRE.....	Secretary
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MRS. EMILY E. BRAZIER.....	6th Grade
B. A., Howard University	
B. A., Southern University	
M. Ed., Louisiana State University	
MISS BARBARA M. BROOKS.....	8th Grade
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B. A., Southern University	
MRS. SYLVIA W. CHATMAN.....	7th Grade
B. S., Tuskegee Institute	
MRS. HAZEL D. CLARK.....	6th Grade
B.A., Leland College	

"For this truth must be clear before us: whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America."

— President Eisenhower

# Lowery High School for Colored Serving Needs of the Community

The Lowery High School plant in Donaldsonville is providing an elementary and high school education for nearly 1400 negro students of this area. Completed less than two years ago at a cost of nearly three quarters of a million dollars the school offers a variety of courses, has physical facilities second to none and has a faculty of well qualified teachers.

The 1960 enrollment is 1349 with 687 boys and 622 girls.

There are 158 students in 1st grade; 128 in 2nd grade; 144 in 3rd grade; 128 in 4th grade; 135 in 5th grade; 129 in 6th grade; 96 in 7th grade; 104 in 8th grade; 106 in 9th grade; 84 in 10th grade; 68 in 11th grade and 69 in 12th grade.

1022 students are in the elementary school and 327 in high school.

Approximately 1300 children are served lunch daily.

There are 48 members on the professional staff; 15 per cent of whom have advanced degrees; 18 faculty members are graduates of Lowery.

C. E. Land Principal served as President of the Louisiana Association of High School Principals for 7 years and was awarded a plaque for outstanding work in the promotion of secondary education in the state.

Two of the faculty members have been granted scholarships by the National Science Foundation.

The school is approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Lowery High School participated in Project Talent last year.

The school is served by 9 lunch-room workers, 3 janitors, 1 secretary and 7 bus drivers.

A 9th grade student placed 1st in state competition in General Math last year.

After only  $\frac{1}{2}$  year of chemistry

instruction, one student placed 3rd in state competition last year.

The basketball team has a 23-7 record last year.

31 faculty members are natives of the Donaldsonville community.

The 1st tract of land, towards the establishment of Lowery High School was purchased in 1909.

Students may earn as many as 22 units — English, civics, world history, American history, general science, biology, chemistry, general mathematics, algebra I, algebra II, geometry, general business, typewriting, agriculture, homemaking, industrial arts, music, physical education and safety and first aid.

The school now has a part-time guidance counselor.

**Chief**  
**March 4, 1960**