GRADUATING CLASS AIMS & MOTTOS

Each school year, sponsors and class officers face the task of selecting a class aim, motto, scripture, song, flower, and color(s) that represent the spirit of the graduating class. Recently, teachers have requested suggestions. We thought it would be great to gather ideas from as many schools as possible and provide these ideas as a resource, truly creating a CIRCLE of information that would be helpful to us all. Here are a few pointers:

AIM
The class aim is a short, concise statement—often a fragment—that begins with an action word. For example, follow the dream, build a better future, climb to heights beyond. The statement may also begin with the infinitive—to rise, to live, to follow. Above all, the aim states something the class intends to do.

MOTTO
The class motto is often an inspirational saying or adage that reflects what the class hopes to exemplify or live. This, too, is rather short and concise. The book of Proverbs is an excellent source of wise sayings.

SCRIPTURE & SONG
Often, the class scripture and song will mirror the aim and motto so that all four elements present a unified idea.

Below is a list of submissions, by school. For your convenience, we have also provided the necessary contact information. If you would like to add to this collection, feel free to do so by submitting your ideas to webmaster@circle.adventist.org. You may also go to the CIRCLE web page at http://circle.adventist.org and select the submit option. We look forward to hearing from you.
AIMS:

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.
We will risk going to far, and only then will we discover just how far we can go.
To allow God to put us where we belong.
We must be the change we wish to see in the world.
To dream the impossible; to achieve the improbable.
To question the expected and overcome the impossible.
To infinity and beyond!
To put our dreams in our hearts, our hearts in God's hands.
To be God's gift.
If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it.
In our hands we hold today; in our dreams, we hold tomorrow; in our faith, we hold forever.
To grow with friends as with Christ.
Watch out world, here we come!
Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.
Nothing short of the highest.
Climb and attain!
To climb the highest mountain. To reach the highest peak.
We aim to claim those promises, making our nights like day.
To meet you in heaven.
To do all the good we can, in all the way we can, to all the souls we can, in every place we can,
at all the times we can, with all the zeal we can, as long as ever we can.
To know Him.
Success through service.
To meet the challenge of the hour.
Promises to keep.
Victory
Discovering new horizons.
To finish His work.
To answer His call.
Heights Beckon Us.
Eternal Life.
Heaven Our Port.
MOTTOS:

Each for the other and all for Christ.
Christ our Captain.
In His Steps
Not at the top, but climbing.
Not prepared, but preparing.
God's wish, our command.
Through Space with God
He conquers who conquers himself
Miles to go.
The world's need is our call.
Peace through understanding.
It isn't the individual, not the army as a whole, but everlasting teamwork of every single soul.
Living by His grace and moving out in faith.
God's promises are like the stars. The darker the night, the brighter they shine.
With Christ as our guide
Christian quality, not class quantity.
Behind is infinite power, ahead is unlimited possibility.
What we are is God's gift to us, what we make of ourselves is our gift to God.
The set of the sail determines the port. Our sails are set Heavenward.
He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much.
Success our future, Christ our present, treasured our past.
Together we have been friends, together we have special memories, but our togetherness in Christ will keep us going.
Success is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.
Do not follow where the path leads. Rather, go where there is no path and leave a trail.
L'Union Fait La Force
Give me a place to stand and I shall move the earth.
Success comes to those who make it happen, not those who let it happen.
We met as strangers, grew as classmates, and leave as friends.
We know not what the future holds, but we know who hold the future.
Cherish yesterday, live today, dream tomorrow.
The dreams of the future are better than the history of the past.
To be a light when all other lights go out.
Do not be afraid of going slowly, be only afraid of standing still.
Those who say it can't be done should get out of the way of those who are doing it.
Graduating Class Aims and Mottos
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AIMS

1. Eternal Harbor
2. Forward in His Name
3. We Have Crossed the Bay; the Ocean Lies Before Us
4. To Follow Our Pilot’s Course
5. Heights Beckon Us
6. For God and Humanity
7. Onward and Upward
8. Through Straight Paths
9. To Live for Him, Higher
10. To Finish His Work
11. Success Through Service
12. Others First
13. To the Unfinished Work
14. To His Greater Glory
15. Keep Smiling
16. Watch Us Climb
17. To Go Forward Ever, Backward Never
18. Deeds, Not Dreams
19. Perfection in Christ
20. Surrender, Determine, Achieve
21. A Light to All the World
22. Christ as Our Captain
23. Earth Our Challenge
24. Heaven
25. Success
26. To Seek First the Kingdom

MOTTOS

1. Our Sails Are Set Heavenward
2. Duty, Our Guiding Star
3. Anchored in Heaven
4. Anywhere, Provided It Be Forward
5. Onward to the Finish
6. Onward, Forward, Upward
7. Willing Messengers for Christ
8. His Grace Sufficeth
9. In His Footsteps
10. The Heights Beckon Us
11. Not at the Top, but Climbing
12. Each for the Other and All for God
13. Always Upward
14. At the Foot hills, Climbing
15. Deeds, Not Words
16. Ever On
17. Look Forward, Not Backward
18. Look Up—And On
19. No Victory Without Labor
20. Not Finished; Just Begun
21. On to Victory
22. Onward
23. Sail On!
24. Something Yet to Be Gleaned
25. Strive for Higher Honor
26. Success Waits at Labor’s Gate
27. Toward the Light
28. Thus Endeth Our First Lesson
29. Up and On
30. Without Labor There is Nothing
31. Loyalty and Service
32. Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead
33. Prepared for Better Things
34. Aim High and Hold your Aim
35. Be Good, Do Good, Make Good
36. Conquering and Still to Conquer
37. The Beginning, Not the End
38. On to Heights Ahead
39. Service About Self
40. The Past Gone Forever; the future Lies Ahead
41. And We’ll Ever Stand, Every Heart and Hand
42. Growth Through Service
43. The Bible Our Guide
44. Power, Unity, Confidence
45. Deeds Survive the Doer
46. It’s the Set of the Sail That Determines the Port
47. Heaven Our Goal
48. Christ Is All and In All
49. New Earth Our Goal
50. To Find God’s Plan for Our Life
51. Victory Follows Effort
52. Find a Path or Make One
53. There is Victory With God
54. The Bible, The Whole Bible, Nothing But the Bible

AIMS AND MOTTOS

He who is afraid of failure is afraid of success.

Every successful journey begins and ends in faith, regardless of the events in between.

Living faith always leads to obedience.

The church does not go forward because it is perfect, but because God is gracious.

Joy is knowing you are exactly where God wants you to be.

“God…will pay back trouble to those who trouble you.” (2 Thessalonians 1:6)

“I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2)

The gospel is deep enough for an elephant to go swimming, and shallow enough for a small child to go wading.

Friendships are forged by fire.

You do make a difference.

No reserve, No regrets, No retreats.

You cannot do what God alone can do, but

He will not do what He has asked you to do.

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” (John 7:37)

Decisive battle has been won!

Jesus is the Master Sculptor who looks beyond the rough edges that are, to the faces that could be.

He wanted them to stand and deliver, and they did…together.

Jesus is the only bridge in town.

When constructing a building or a life, a solid foundation is essential.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.” (1 Peter 4:10)

God does new things for his people, regularly.

The fire of persecution lighted a fire of evangelism.

The Lion of Judah has set the world free from endless winter.

When Jesus said, “You will be my witnesses,” He wasn’t speaking to angels.

God’s promises always exceed our expectations.
God does not provide escape from our problems but strength to face them. Victory in our lives is praise to our God. Sin always lengthens the journey. Before we meet the law, we need to meet the Lawgiver. “Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9) Sometimes judgement means suffering the consequences of our choices. Our only hope is a compassionate God. In God’s eyes your greatest ability is your availability. We are more likely to leave the church than God is. People who have turned away from God still need to worship. To refuse to forgive is to continue to hurt yourself. There is such a thing as right and wrong. If you don’t change directions, you’ll end up where you’re headed. God’s grip of grace doesn’t easily let go. God is willing to let you go if it is the only way He can get you back. Being grounded in reality can prepare you to become grounded in Christ. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things for God. “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit.” (Zech. 4:6) Cherish God’s presence, even when He is silent. Staying on the trail takes you safely home. Don’t worry about when. It’s who is coming back that is important. Jesus began His earthly ministry in the face of staunch criticism – not to the applause of the crowd. “I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.” Jesus was born to die. Every human being is intended to have character of his own: to be what no others are, and to do what no other can do. No amount of ability is of the slightest avail without honor. It is more important to know where you are going than to see how fast you can get there. A golden character needs no gliding. Better to keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world. Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you are made of. Character is not in the mind. It is in the will. Character is what you are in the dark.
The inner braces of a man’s heart must be equal to the outer pressure of life’s circumstances.

It is not the brains that matter most, but that which guides them – the character, the heart, generous qualities, progressive ideas.

Character, not circumstances, makes the man.

God leaves nothing to chance and everything to choice.
**AIMS**

Heaven  
To reach the heavenly Gates  
Strive to be the best  
Today we follow, tomorrow we lead  
The past gone forever, the future lies ahead  
Live the life in Christ

**MOTTOS**

There are two ways of spreading light:  
To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it  
--Edith Wharton

Who you are is more important than what  
You accomplish

To walk with Him

United we stand,  
Divided we fall

Standing steadfast on the edge of the millennium

Life is a journey, live it to its fullest

**FLOWER**

White Rose

**COLORS**

Black and Forest Green  
Regal Blue and Black  
Royal blue and Navy

**SONG**

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AIMS

Knowledge itself is power.
Heaven is our goal.
Live Truth
No man’s knowledge here can
go beyond his experience.
If we can’t find the road to success,
we’ll fly.
To reach for the moon,
but strive for the stars
Finding fulfillment as we
follow His footsteps.
What we become is our gift to God
Separate paths, same destination
One God, One Aim, One Destiny
Eternity together
Seize the Day
Victorious in Christ
Forever Young

Together we’ll make it.
Pursuing our goals in harmony with Christ
Success through service
Setting our goals for the heavens.
Climbing ever higher

Today we follow; tomorrow we lead
1981 and God; a working relationship

“Yesterday is but a dream,
Tomorrow is only a vision,
But today well-lived,
Makes yesterday a dream of happiness,
and tomorrow a vision of hope.”

MOTTOS

Feed the flame.
Onward, Forward, Upward
Risk Faith
It’s only those who do nothing that
never make mistakes.
Only those who will risk going too far, can
possibly find out how far one can go.
Not at the top, but still climbing

God maintains our path. We must maintain
our walk.
What we are is God’s gift to us
On our way His love will guide us
We’ll be His hands and He’ll be our strength
Each for the other, All for God
Unity in Diversity
Perfection is only a prayer away
Christ Forever
The set of the sail, determines the port.
Not at the top, but climbing
Today we follow, tomorrow we lead.
Each for the other and all for God.
With our eyes looking upward, we strive
Ever forward.
With our feet on the ground,
We reach for Stars.
Forward in His Name
Life is as good as you make it.