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Speech: June 10; 2005: Hello: My name is Rachel Hoffman: It is quite an honor to be standing before all you teachers: Parents and especially my fellow students: This time at Wasilla Middle School: Alaska: Has changed me and my priorities: I care about some things more and other things less: But the most important things in life have always stuck with me: Friends: Where would any of us be without friends: They listen to our hopes: Our dreams: And the latest news on our hot crush without laughing: Well most of the time: I am blessed with many wonderful friends who support my every move and if it weren't for their faith in me I probably wouldn't be up here right now: While at this school I have made many friends and I have lost some friends: That's life: Friends come and go: But the one's that have left have left an imprint of themselves in my soul: Family: Family plays a role much the same as friends: They support and motivate you: Be sure to hold your family in the highest regard: They will do more for you than you will ever know: Education: Though many kids loathe teachers and school and they label people like me who love to learn as nerds: Thank God for educated people: They run our government: Protect our country and teach our future geniuses: So: Fellow students: Deal with learning: It will come in handy: Humor: Don't take sarcasm too seriously: It's not worth it: Humor can help you though a situation when nothing else can: Humor can help you see the silver lining in any cloud: To me humor is just one of the things that makes life worth living: Dreams: I have so many of them: For me my friends: My family: My community: My world: Some have come true: Some I'm still waiting for: And some I'll wait for as long as need be: As Eleanor Roosevelt once said: The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams: I believe in the beauty of my dreams and I hope you do too: Dreams and the people willing to follow them are what will make this country prosper: But when you think deeper maybe those aren't the only important things in life: Maybe the important things in life are small: Like giving your dad a hug before he leaves for work: Maybe it's calling up your grandma just to say: I love you: Maybe the important things in life are finally catching that touch down pass while playing football at lunch: Maybe it's meeting a new friend or having someone special ask you out to a dance: Or maybe: Just maybe: Everything you do is an important thing in life:

