

## Your Heritage

The concept of knowledge as a necessary force in the fostering of democracy was recognized by the founders of the nation. The ideal and principle of the spread of "political equality" through education was continued as the republic was established and the "western" lands opened for settlement and new states proposed. Hence, when the Northwest Territory, from which Ohio was carved, was organized and the famous Northwest Ordinance published, the basis for public education in Ohio was set on a solid legal foundation to continue for as long as the nation lives.

You, the Class of '59, as those classes that have gone before you, have inherited the great privileges, liberties, and responsibilities of representative government, free enterprise, and individual dignity. Since you have received so much, you must accept the great challenge of protecting and improving our educational system, and by so doing, contribute to the protection and promotion of our democratic processes.

Permit me to emphasize, finally, that your parents, your teachers and your administration know that you will not fail; that you have the preparation, stability, and courage to meet the problems and issues of your time—successfully.

*Carol,  
Good luck to  
a great little  
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