

Newport School of Innovation honors Class of 2024

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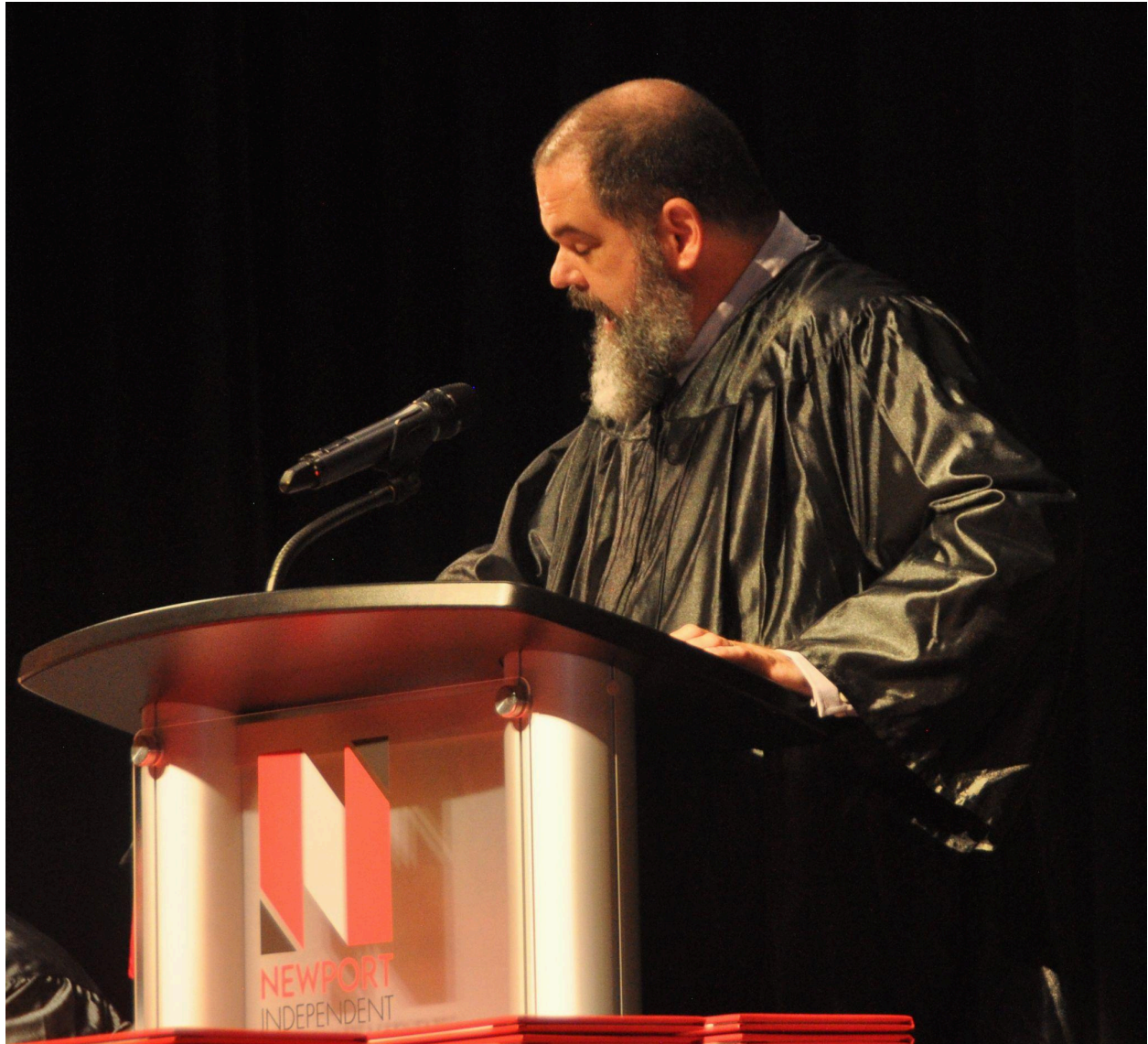
Newport School of Innovation Class of 2024 graduates were lauded for efforts to embrace challenges and exhibit perseverance during the June 1 graduation ceremony.

School of Innovation administrators, faculty and staff welcomed family, friends and other supporters to the Newport High School Auditorium for the spirited, joyous event.

“They (graduates) are a reflection of the positive values stressed at home and in the community,” Newport School of Innovation Coordinator Joshua Snapp said. “This is a special morning for everyone in attendance. A culmination of hard work and dedication from many.”

Graduating from high school is always a monumental achievement, Snapp said.

“But your journey has been nothing short of extraordinary,” Snapp said. “We have navigated the virtual hallways of education and overcome obstacles. You’re committed to learning, adapting and persevering in the face of uncertainty.”



*Newport School of Innovation Coordinator Joshua Snapp delivers remarks during the June 1 graduation ceremony in the Newport High School Auditorium.
(Douglas Clark photo)*

The work serves as a testament to the graduates' character, Snapp said.

"You've embraced technology, not just as a tool, but as a pathway to knowledge," Snapp said. "Just as you have

conquered the challenges of online learning, so too can you conquer the challenges that lie ahead.”

The ceremony was attended by Newport Independent Schools Superintendent of Schools Tony Watts, Newport Independent Schools Board of Education District Board Chair Ramona Malone, District Board Member Sylvia Covington and District Board Member Ed Davis.

There was a moment in which graduates distributed roses to those in attendance who aided them along their academic journey.

“We certainly know that it takes a village to help our graduates reach this point in their lives,” Newport School of Innovation Counselor Shaun Mullins said. “Graduation is a great achievement.”



Newport School of Innovation Class of 2024 graduate Nathan Moore receives his diploma from Newport Independent Schools Board of Education District Board Chair Ramona Malone during the June 1 graduation ceremony in the Newport High School Auditorium.

(Douglas Clark photo)

Snapp encouraged the graduates to internalize the varied lessons they have learned, whether they choose to pursue higher education, enter the workforce or embark upon a different path entirely.



Newport School of Innovation Class of 2024 graduate Desiree Sexton, left, receives her diploma during the June 1 graduation ceremony in the Newport High School Auditorium. (Douglas Clark photo)

“As you stand on the threshold of this chapter in your lives, know the world awaits your talents, your innovative spirit and your unwavering determination,” Snapp said.
“Congratulations on this remarkable achievement.”



*Newport Independent Schools Supt. Tony Watts extends Recognition of Diplomas during the June 1 Newport School of Innovation Class of 2024 graduation ceremony in the Newport High School Auditorium.
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**Newport School of Innovation
Class of 2024**

**Makenna Barnes
Shawna Benson
Courtney Black
Hopelynn Boyers
Maliki Hambrick
Amirah Johnson
Corbin Lee
Kaysey Lemarbe
Brendan Lewis
Braden Meyer
Jayden Moher
Nathan Moore
Olivia Nickerson
Jozie Rabago
Kylee Schneider
Desiree Sexton
Stephen Sprecher
Aaron Stratman
Melyah West**

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