

Traveling back to 2013

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2013 was a year signified by the rise of social media and pop culture bliss; yet, as all years do, it had its ups and downs. 2013 graduates now celebrate their 10-year reunion – something that happened in the blink of an eye. Let’s reminisce about what these graduates faced and the universal events they experienced together.

In 2013, pure pop was its peak in the music industry. For the top Billboard 100, Macklemore swept the board and claimed number one as his own with his tremendous hit, “Thrift Shop.” “Blurred Lines” by Robin Thicke was second place, and third was Radioactive by Imagine Dragons. Music rightfully defined this year for graduates, Miley Cyrus’s “Wrecking Ball” seemed to be blared out of any existing speaker, Lorde’s debut as an artist had everyone hooked from her single “Royals,” and artists such as Katy Perry, Bruno Mars, and P!nk dominated radios. We can imagine these graduates to be having the time of their lives where the world was in bright, vibrant colors and people around the globe participated in the ridiculously popular social

media trends.

At the Grammys that year, the award winners only amplify this fun, care-free mood 2013 grounded itself in. Take a look at the highlights of the winning artists in select categories:

- Record of the Year: “Get Lucky” by Daft Punk, ft. Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers
- Song of the Year: “Royals” by Lorde
- Best New Artist: Macklemore and Ryan Lewis
- Best Pop Vocal Album: “Unorthodox Jukebox” by Bruno Mars
- Best Rock Performance: “Radioactive” by Imagine Dragons

2013 set the foundation for popular social media trends to begin and embark on new heights over the internet. The term “Selfie,” began to emerge on various social media platforms, and “The Harlem Shake” seemingly took over every social media platform, including the once massively popular app, Vine. However, as all years include, 2013 was sadly not just a time period full of laughter and music. A significant moment that impacted these graduates and give us insight onto their lives is the Boston Marathon Bombing. On April 15th of 2013, two bombs exploded at the Bos-

exploded at the Boston Marathon. They were set off near the finish line and took the lives of three people and injured 264 others. This bombing marked the first terrorist attack in the United States since 9/11.

2013 wouldn’t be complete without going over the SuperBowl. The Baltimore Ravens took home the crown that year, and the half-time show was none other than Beyonce and Destiny’s Child. Alongside this, the SuperBowl also experienced a memorable, and agitating, “blackout.” Speaking of sports... our very own Indians gave their all that year in Football. Being lead by coach Dan Jones, the team may have not won the title of State Champions, but they did have an overall score of 8-4! In the pictures, you can see our loyal graduates showcasing their Indian pride and being full of smiles as they await the football game.

From annoyingly catchy songs to monumental events that would shape these graduates lives’ and the future’s, having a glimpse back into what life once was full of and thrived off of allows us to properly wish the class of 2013 a happy 10 year reunion!

Indian pride never dies!



1998’s 25th Anniversary: Taking a Look Back

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This year, the class of 1998 celebrates their 25th anniversary from graduating here at Gaffney High School. This period of time was full of interesting and memorable events. This iconic music, political events and groundbreaking technology. On September 4th, 1998, Google was officially founded by two Stanford University students - Larry Page and Sergey Brin. Now, Google is the largest search engine and most used and known; being the first place people will turn to when a questions pops in their head.

For films, we can take a look at none other than the vastly adored ‘Titanic.’ Topping the box office for thirteen weekends straight and bringing in over 600 million dollars, Titanic is now a certified classic. It swept the nation by storm and the Oscar’s, as it took home eleven awards out of fourteen nominations. One of Disney’s most acclaimed films was also released that year. On June 19, Mulan ended up making about 120 million dollars at the box office. More movies these graduates

remember seeing in theater and chewing on buttery popcorn are ‘Armageddon,’ ‘The Truman Show,’ ‘Saving Private Ryan,’ and ‘There’s Something about Mary.’

“If 1997 was the year that everything changed in ‘90s music,” writes Billboard, “then ‘98 was the year that the brave new pop world was fully realized.” The top song of 1998 was “Too Close” by Next, “The Boy is Mine” by Brandy and Monica following in at second, and “You’re Still the One” by Shania Twain closing in at third. Along with the artists mentioned, other recognizable and classic names such as Dixie Chicks, Destiny’s Child, Madonna, Korn, Aerosmith, Hole, and Cher ring a bell when looking back on what the music industry consisted of during 1998.

As for the sports portion of 1998 the Denver Broncos managed to hold off the Green Bay Packers 31-24 to claim Super Bowl 32 with the help of MVP Running Back Terrell Davis in front of over 68,000 fans at the San Diego Stadium. College Football saw Michigan win in a tight matchup with Washington State 21-16 to take home their 11th and current national title. Basket the Chicago Bulls was able to overcome the Utah Jazz in 6 games to win their sixth and final title with Michael Jordan being a key factor to the Bulls success throughout the 1990’s. College basketball saw Kentucky take home their 7th national championship by taking down Utah after a 9 point victory. Major League Baseball was quite interesting because two new teams were added in the form of the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Tampa Bay Rays and this season saw the New York Yankees clean sweep the San Diego Padres to win the world series.

With classic tunes and movies, 1998 was 100% a year to remember. Congrats to the class of 1998 for their 25th anniversary of graduating!



Pictured above are: Aerosmith and Brandy and Monica.



The 1998’s Superbowl Halftime - pictured are: Queen Latifah, Smokey Robinson, Martha Reeves, and Boys II Men.



Above is a scene from the 1998’s “Titanic.”