Dear Graduates,

You are, with the help of Allah, being given an education that is superior to any other education received anywhere in any school in any of the cities and towns in which you live.

Though you study some of the same subjects, though you read some of the same books, though you recite some of the same facts and lessons as do your youthful peers in other public, private, and parochial schools you have received and will continue to receive a better, more comprehensive education. WHY—because once you have been awakened it is easy to understand. For you, the Black Muslim Student, in the Muhammad University of Islam across this country have been given the first key to the knowledge of SELF. All praises are due to Allah (God), Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, for raising from among us a Divine Leader, and Teacher who is continually giving to us an education that has no equal.

As you strive to understand who you are, your mind begins to expand with more definite thoughts. For, as a student, once you learn who you are, you are able to perceive and weigh and balance more clearly the curriculum presented to you. Messenger Muhammad teaches that you are the original man, the maker, the owner of the planet earth. This one fact gives the true student, the true believer, a desire to regain his lost heritage and with the help of Almighty God Allah, through the guidance of His Messenger once again become members of a great civilization and Nation. Once you “Know Self” you can see that you Blackman are the ones studied in your history Text books as having created wonderful civilizations with marvelous structures and technological skills that have, in some cases, been equaled by any people of today.

Once you “Know Self” you know that the 13 years of school you would attend under the leadership of the white man would be an ‘educational brainwash’ that, without the teachings of Messenger Muhammad, you would have been kept in a state of ‘Mental Death”. “Mental Death” is the most prevalent problem of the Blackman in America today. Islam, as taught to us by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, is the Key for it is not just a “religion” but it is a complete and full WAY OF LIFE. Islam builds character, gives meaning, and puts and keeps you on the right path.

As Muslim students, you are blessed. We thank Allah for young people such as you who have disassociated yourself from the corrupt ways of the generation and civilization in which you live.

All praise are due to Allah that you have been able to live in and be surrounded by the corrupt and evil ways of this generation and civilization, and not become a part of it.

DO FOR SELF—Produce your own food, clothe yourself, Seek the Heaven that was promised to you by Allah in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad—money, good homes, and friendship in all walks of life. Learn my Brothers and Sisters.

An Islamic Education is the Key to Your Future.

As-Salaam Alaiikum,
Sister Beverly Maurod
National Director of Education

HOISTED at ceremonies at recent ceremonies in Chicago, At right is Valedictorian of Middle School, Sister Lynne X. daughter of Nation of Islam transportation manager, Lieutenant Albert EX. (Photo by Ossie Muhammad)