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A Marker in Human Progress

Students at public and private schools and at institutions of higher learning in the Jacksonville area have been making new beginnings at commencement exercises in the past two weeks.

With the graduation exercises for the "charter class" at the University of North Florida, both education and human progress in this community passed a new milestone.

While the University of North Florida has issued certificates to graduates in 1973, they were to students who had begun their upper division college work elsewhere. On Wednesday, however, the 685 graduates granted diplomas were the first, or charter, class that had begun and completed their upper division studies at this, the

newest university in the state system of higher education.

Graduations are common at this time of the year and the event at North Florida University was much like other such ceremonies throughout the area, and across the nation, for that matter.

However, it does give us pause to reflect that Jacksonville has passed another milestone in its continued growth as a community, and its people—people from all walks of life—have a greater opportunity to grow in spirit and in mind as a result of the availability to them of the University of North Florida and the educational opportunities it affords.

With the University of North Florida "charter class" of 1974, Jacksonville, indeed, has passed another milestone toward human progress.