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A great justice, a tiny school

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I recently read a fascinating [article](#) in *Smithsonian* about Robert H. Jackson, a chief prosecutor for the United States in the 1940s and later a Supreme Court justice.

He is most well-known for his role in the Nuremberg trials, during which he addressed the International Military Tribunal about the atrocities committed by the Nazis in World War II. He made the case to the international panel of judges at

11 war's end in 1945–46 and helped to draft the charter that
12 ultimately created the legal basis for the historical trial.

13 Jackson “remains the only person in U.S. history to serve
14 as solicitor general, attorney general and Supreme Court justice,”
15 according to the article. Thanks to his leadership, “a new
16 standard in international law was established, and the worst
17 criminal conspiracy in human history exposed [...]” He was a
18 truly remarkable man who also worked closely with President
19 Roosevelt as an advisor.

20 But this piece is not intended as a history lesson; believe
21 it or not, I am writing in defense of small schools as we here in
22 Marlboro, where we are on the brink of closing ours down after
23 more than two centuries of educating our students in our own
24 town.

25 What does the Honorable Judge Jackson have to do with
26 any of this? Just this: He graduated at the top of his high school
27 class of three.

28 It's not how small the student body is that matters, it's
29 what you do with it.

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