Hereford High School

CLASS OF 2020

Virtual Commencement
June 12, 2020
4 p.m.
Dear Team BCPS Class of 2020,

Congratulations! This is your day.

Your journey to graduation has spanned the majority of this century. As the world has evolved, you have taken on challenges, grown as a friend and teammate, and become an expert on the important subject of yourself. You have developed as a leader inside and outside of the classroom. I’m so glad that I had the pleasure of meeting many of you.

Proudly by your side from your first day of school to this very moment, you have been surrounded by the love and support of family members, teachers, and school leaders. I appreciate their dedication to your growth. Be sure to thank those who helped you along the way.

You deserve to cherish this culmination of your many years of hard work. When your name is called, please know how proud you have made all of us—your loved ones, your school family, and Team BCPS.

Please enjoy your commencement, and I wish you all the best in your next phase of life.

Sincerely,

Darryl L. Williams
Superintendent

Raising the bar, Closing gaps, Preparing for our future
To Parents, Guardians, Relatives and Friends of Our Honored Graduates:

As principal of Hereford High School, I’d like to welcome all to this year’s graduation ceremony and this accompanying program. This year’s ceremony will be broadcasted virtually due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. The program will be available to view on our webpage and a hard copy will be given to seniors when they pick-up their diploma.

We hold our commencement ceremony in high regard because it recognizes the culmination of years of effort and achievement on the part of today’s graduates. The moment when each class member ascends the stage to receive the high school diploma should be a memorable one; rituals matter in our society. When you get to the end of one part of your life and begin another, it should be celebrated. So, class of 2020, you do have the right to feel a little bit cheated today as we didn’t get to celebrate you the way we have celebrated other classes in the past. The author James Patterson said, “Tough breaks happen in life. They just do. But what you learn out of the tough breaks in life is that they provide you with persistence and resilience in order to make it.” I’m confident the class of 2020 will not only make it but will also do so much more.

Four years ago, when the class of 2020 arrived at Hereford High School and began their journey, the school had just earned the title of National Blue Ribbon. In addressing the class during our first assembly I challenged this class to maintain the excellence associated with this honor by doing great things. Today I’m proud to tell each one of you that not only did you succeed in your goal, but also far exceeded anyone’s expectations with what you as a class achieved. As a class you took the toughest schedules, multiple AP courses, challenging internship placements and college courses both on and off campus. But above and beyond this and all your other academic and sports accomplishments, what sets the class of 2020 apart from the rest, is that you learned that what was most important - selfish acts must be replaced by acts of goodness. As a class, you donated hundreds of pints of blood to the American Red Cross and raised large amounts of money for countless charities. You supplied food for the hungry and needy working with My Neighbor’s Foundation and many of you are still involved with helping those in need as we deal with Covid-19.

So, as the class of 2020 is recognized, it will first and foremost be for the achievements they accomplished in high school, but this class will also be recognized that together, as a class, they figured out that acts of human kindness are even more important.

The class of 2020 leaves Hereford with a strong legacy. Thank you for all you have done and all you will do. Move the world and mankind forward. And keep in mind the final words of my graduation speech and my message to each of you: stay off the merry go rounds and strive to ride the roller coasters. You’ve got this…

Joe Jira
Principal, Hereford High School
Program

Pledge of Allegiance ..................................................... Keegan R. Whittle
.......................................................................................... Class Liaison, Class of 2020

"The Star-Spangled Banner" ............................... Hereford High School
.......................................................................................... Chamber Choir

Welcome & Opening Remarks ................................. Brooke A. Wilson
.......................................................................................... President, Class of 2020

Acknowledgements ....................................................... Derek G. Wu
.......................................................................................... Vice President, Class of 2020

Greetings ................................................................. Dr. Darryl L. Williams
..................................................................................... Superintendent, Baltimore County Public Schools

Class Speech .............................................................. Written and presented by
..................................................................................... Shannon E. Francis and Margaret J. McGuigan
.......................................................................................... for the Class of 2020

Comments ............................................................... Demi Gerovasilis
.......................................................................................... Secretary, Class of 2020

Presentation of the Class of 2020 ............................. L. Joseph Jira
..................................................................................... Principal, Hereford High School

Conferring of Diplomas ................................. Kathleen Causey
..................................................................................... Chair of the Board of Education of Baltimore County

Student Processional ......................................................

Closing ................................................................. Zoa C. Nicholson
..................................................................................... Public Relations Director, Class of 2020

Alma Mater ......................................................... Hereford High School Chamber Choir
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Andromeda Rosemary Adams
Austin Lee Adams
Samuel Parkton Albanese
Briana Alisa Almond
Hailey Annette Apperson
Emily Anna Arnold
Lori Elizabeth Auffarth
Alecsandar Pattison Auvil
Colin Lucas Baker
James Edward Bandelin III
Evan Thomas Barnard
Samuel Jackson Barone
Nichole Elizabeth Barwick
Blake Edward Batema
Mary Elizabeth Bauermann
Allyson Lee Belt
Kaylin Sunteeva Bending
Christopher David Benna
Sarah Catherine Bennett
Sofia Erene Bennett
Ryan Douglas Berg
Evyn Paige Beste
Andrew Bryan Beyrodt
Maxime Jay Bielaszka-DuVernay
Katherine Laws Blair
Hannah Elizabeth Blevins
Jack Worley Blevins
Cayden Daniel Blizzard
Max Jonas Bohlman
Samuel Frank BonGiorno
Sarah Margaret Borton
Andrew Richard Bowen
Seth Martin Bowen
Kent Matthew Bowers
Rebecca Catherine Boyce
Marshall Grant Bradford
Anna Kathryn Brandt
Ryleigh Danielle Brown
Terrence Andrew Brown, Jr.
Jordyn Alexis Burman-Patterson
Wyatt Patrick Burrows
Courtney Margaret Butz
Ashley Leora Cain
Colin Roger Campbell
Justin Matthew Capan
Benjamin DeLong Caputo
Austin Hunter Carnes
Emma MacKenzie Carper
Caulder Carl Carr
Ethan Donald Caulk
Gabriella Rose Chalker
Emma Harlow Clark
Jackson Glen Clark
Lindsay Roberta Clarke
Julia Sibyl Coe
Katherine Elizabeth Conover
Catherine Ann Costantino
Simon Rory Cousins
Georgia Olwyn Cowie
Patrick McCulloh Coyle
Austin Howard Craig
Summer Ella Crawford
William Osborne Creel
James Clifford Crowe III
Kaitlyn Margaret Crowley
Marisa Jade Cullison
Dylan Taylor Decker
Anna Serafina DeLibro
Darienne Nichol Dennis
Dominic Francis DeSantis, Jr.
William Alexander Diaz-Pereira
Sarah Brianne Dickerson
Mason James Dill
Jacob Ryan Dilley
Nicolas Owen DiNenna
Gabriella DiPaola
Nicholas Stoddard Dowell
Michael Gabriel Doyle
Morgan Alyssa Dreyer
Aaron Davis Duenas
Lindsey Eryn Duquette
Meghan Rouse Ebert
Eleni Stavrou Efsthathiou
Maegan Lynne Eilermann
Jacob Scott Einhorn
Tappen Crash Eisendrath
Yassin Mohamed Elalamy
Laura Elisabeth England
Kayla Marie Ensor
Anahita Eshaghi
Antonio Pasquale Fedi Hagan
Cole Thurman Fennell
Grace Elizabeth Finckel
Xander Miranda Finnell
Aiden Joseph Fisher
Averi Paige Fletcher
Sean Michael Flynn
Emma Katherine Fox
Shannon Elizabeth Francis
William Kates Frasier
Phoebe Nelson French
Elizabeth Jane Fritsch
Jacob Thomas Furman
Madison Elizabeth Gaede
Lily Anna Gaffney
Madison Virginia Garner
Gabriella Leigh Gatto
Nathan Conrad Gemand
Demi Gerovasilis
Trina Gerovasilis
Jack Mason Getz
Travis Christopher Getz
Cole Thomas Gibbons
Julianne Elsie Giza
Brianna Lee Gobell
Gabriella Madeline Gorelik
Madison Hope Gottschalk
Chastity Cheyanne Gover
Samantha Taylor Grammer
Francis Joseph Guerrera III
Maxwell Thomas Gudeman
Davis Fischer Guyton
Brady Lee Hale
Grace Jillian Hall
Sara Elizabeth Hallameyer
Brady John Hammann
Christopher Joseph Hanley
Reese Byerly Harden
Haris-Loden R. Harris
William Ross Hartlove
William James Hartman
Korbin James Hartwell
Ella Marie Haus
Wilhelm Calaminus Helfrich II
Haeven Kieley Henderson
Nathan Edward Herbkersman
Abigail Rose Herrmann
David Joseph Herrmann
Heidi Lee Herzog
Niloufar Heshmati
Joshua Ian Hill
Nikola Antonio Hillary
Jeffrey Tyler Hilse
Krishna Jayant Hirpara
William Jeffery Holbrook
Cassidy Elizabeth Hoover
Keegan Garrett Hoover
Sasha Marie Hopkins
Kaitlyn Elisabeth Houreas
Caroline Heather Howser
Noah Kent Hutton III
Shannon Michaela Ioffe
Amayah Teal Jackson
Ethan Eric Jacobson
Sydney Caroline Jenkin
Joseph Michael Jocuns
Hunter Thomas Jones
Jacob Lee Jones
Nathan Peter Jones
Alexander Joseph Kalb
Albert Kalumba
Sophia Donna Karas
Tessa Despena Karas
Mikayla Ann Karotko
Andreanna Barbara Karvounis
Logan Alexander Kauffman
Lillian Marie Potter
Sydney Joan Powell
Willow Elizabeth Powers
Jack Anthony Prestandrea
Brandi Carlene Price
Payton Grace Pryor
Lauren Elizabeth Rasmussen
Justin Michael Rhoads
Aniyah Bahar Richardson
Nicholas Van Riley
Charles Thomas Root
Rachel Elizabeth Rowe
Owen Blake Sabia
Megan Louise Sabo
Katherine Anna Salko
Autumn Brooke Schmidt
Bailey Elizabeth Schmidt
Kelly Anne Schultz
George Spalding Schwab
Leigh Donovan Schwab
Cody James Schwartz
Hannah Nicole Sebelist
Cole Ketcham Secor
Kara Elizabeth Shamus
Meghan Emily Sheats
Isabella Sophia Sheckells
William Glenn Sheeley
Ian Reed Shehadeh
Gwyneth Renee’ Shepard
Joseph Charles Sienkiewicz
Zachary Matthew Kurkji Smith
Megan Nicole Spicer
Jack Rudick Steller
Carly Elizabeth Stevens
Russell Robert Stevenson
Evan Thomas Strebek
Elsbeth Perry Supplee
Emily Nicole Swensen
Samantha Mae Swope
Molly Celeste Szymanski
Shane Andrew Taylor

Stefan Ostap Traska
Avery Frances Trouland
Duncan Lucas Troy
Andrew Scott Turnbaugh
Timothy James Unger
Nathan Michael Wagner
Austin Thomas Walker
Abbey Lane Walsh
Gavin Paul Walter
Benjamin Christian Ward
Michaela Savannah Watts
Madison Emily Webb
Sean Patrick Webb
Autumn Diane Welsh
Grayson Patrick Welsh
Ava Scott Westerberg
Olivia Mae Westerberg
Victoria Eleanor Westra
George Robert Gaintner White
Keegan Robert Whittle
John Leslie Wickiser
Nina Catherine Wilkinson
Shay Troi Williams
Brooke Ashley Wilson
Holly Ann Wilson
Maxwell Lee Wilson
Christopher James Winchester
Sandra Kay Witt
Grant Ferrier Wolf
Brandon Scott Woolf
Derek Griffin Wu
Ethan William Yates
Morgan Kathryn Young
Devin Worthington Zahn
Jake Ryan Zanotta
Zachary John Zaruba
Andrew Enze Zhu
Marin Yangmei Zibell
Maximos Orion Zinkhan
Alma Mater

Far above the bustling city,
In the fields so green,
Stands our glorious Hereford High School
Noblest to be seen.

–Chorus

Through the halls we love to wander
With memories of each day
May we long remember Hereford
For her righteous way.

–Chorus

Chorus:

Raise the colors, raise them higher
Maroon and white we see,
Hail to you our Alma Mater,
Sing our praise to thee.

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