



DAVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Class of 2020,

I hope you are all healthy, well, and feeling like you have reconnected with your Blue Devil community. We want you to know how proud we are of your efforts. We are so sorry this has impacted your senior year and the events that coincide with this milestone. Spring is traditionally a time for you to be together and both make and recall shared memories. We know this is hard and so we are writing specifically to our seniors and as well to your families to let you know we have been pondering how we can create a graduation that will celebrate your relationships, achievements, and this rite of passage. We have received numerous emails and calls with ideas for the graduation ceremony. Due to campus closures and orders issued by the State of California and the Yolo County Department of Public Health we have had to make very difficult decisions to cancel events, dances, celebrations and gatherings that are traditionally so important for our seniors. We want to be sure we recognize you and your achievements, and because we cannot know how long the pandemic will last, we do not want to put our hopes on a postponement date that may not be possible. To ensure we can still celebrate the Class of 2020 Graduation, Davis Senior High School is hosting a virtual graduation. Specific details will follow and we welcome and encourage your ideas about our plans for a virtual ceremony. As we work to close off the school year, please keep in mind the following:

- In the coming weeks, the graduation committee is working out a plan to distribute caps, gowns, and cords. We want you to wear them during our virtual graduation and will follow with more information.
- If you picked up a Graduation Speech Application, and would like to speak at our virtual graduation, please record your speech and send it to the email listed below by Monday, May 4, 2020. Be sure to keep speeches 2-3 minutes long and we will be choosing 2-3 students to speak.
- The Yearbook class is working hard to complete this year's edition for distribution. We will send notice soon on how you can get your yearbook.
- We will send you information in the next few weeks about how you can safely clean out lockers and bring back textbooks.

We acknowledge that graduation is a testament to your grit, accomplishments, and success throughout the years, and we promise to honor you and your hard work in a meaningful manner. Please stay tuned for more details.

On behalf of the Davis Senior High School administration team and graduation committee, please accept our appreciation for your patience and understanding as we navigate new ideas and plans to make the 2020 Graduation safe, memorable and truly special for our seniors.

To provide feedback, ideas, or speeches regarding graduation please email: DSHSClassof2020@djsd.net

Sincerely,

Tom McHale, Principal