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GRADUATION 2020

Every graduating class has some challenges and congratulating students is expected. However, 2020 has been anything but an ordinary year and it's not just empty words when we congratulate the class of 2020.

These students have lived through some truly unprecedented times and their senior year just upped the ante with not one, but two world-shaking events. Students were faced with the loss of what should have been their watershed moment of Graduation when the Coronavirus pandemic shuttered local schools. Still they persevered and were adapting when the nation was rocked by a massive protest movement. Local youth put aside their disappointment and in many cases, actually became the leaders calling for change. Santa Monica youth are truly deserving of recognition this year so enjoy this special project produced in partnership with Santa Monica High School and the school district to honestly and wholeheartedly congratulate the Class of 2020.



Matthew Hall.

2020: All graduations are special but it's hard to imagine a year with more twists and turns than the class of 2020.

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Dear Samohi Class of 2020,

This has been a year of unknowns for you. During these days of uncertainty and social distancing we are all missing out on something. Your class in particular is missing out on senior memories that you have been preparing for since your first day of Kindergarten. I want you to know that you have not been forgotten. Your class and the legacy that you have created will remain, even in your absence from school. Your excitement and enthusiasm will continue to echo throughout the campus beyond 2020.

Tye COVID-19 pandemic has altered many plans this year, but have continued to model sincerity, maturity, honor, and service. Your sincerity has been demonsrated by your willingness to help others who are in need. There have been countless emails from your class asking how they can help someone else. Your maturity durins this difficult and humbling time has given me a greater appreciation for your generation and those who are growing into adulthood through adversity. Your class has continued to honor one another by checking in to see that your fellow classmates are doing well. In all of this confusion, sadness, loss and sickness, you have continued to offer yourselves to those that are in greatness need.

It is without a doubt that you will be remembered. I have been honored to serve as your principal and belive that you are well euipped to make a tremendous impact on our society.

Since 1891, Samohi has been preparing students for life after high school and I believe we have done a top-notch job with the class of 2020 as exemplified by your resilence. Please know that we will have a graduation to honor your accomplishments and completion of your high school career. Although a time is to be derermined, it is important to know that this too shall pass and a new season is on the horizon.

Stay hopeful, be encouraged, and continue to live your life as if it is your last day on Earth.

Once a Viking, always a Viking!

Dr. Antonio M. Shelton
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Happy graduation to all the seniors,

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SMASH Congratulates our Class of 2020 Graduates



Photo by Kathleen Murphy

To one of the best classes ever - brilliant, hilarious, caring, curious, mature, and quirky. Every day with you was an adventure. You were such a random assortment of characters that came together to create the most fabulous group. I can't wait to see what the future holds for you all. Remember that you are very loved and appreciated. Always listen for the blackbird singing in the dead of night. We miss you Andre.

Erin Haendel - SMASH Teacher

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Class of 2020
Valedictorian Candidates

Samohi's Valedictorian candidates are seniors with the highest grades and academic achievements. Candidates must have attended six semesters at Samohi, including the first and second semester of their senior year. They also must be a graduating, fourth year senior. Students must have an unweighted 4.00 GPA over their four year high school career. The Valedictorian is chosen by committee and traditionally announced the morning of graduation.

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Volunteers keep the magic of Graduation alive

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Covid-19 hit America this Spring and the lives of students have been in flux since. But Samohi PTSA members, school officials and residents who have spent nearly two decades nurturing the local scholars rallied together this year to give the class of 2020 the most "magical" experience possible.

Thanks to locals like Joan Krenik, Jen Smith, Nicole Faries, and dozens of other volunteers who partnered with school staff to make everything from Zoom proms to Tuesday's virtual graduation a reality, Samohi seniors said they haven't missed out on too much of the senior experience.

But the work is far from over, according to Karen Rigberg, a grad night committee volunteer who recently detailed the community's efforts to ensure graduates had an end of the year experience that was as special as possible considering the circumstances.

Every year, Samohi seniors look forward to the graduation because it's a time for fun. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers, PTA members and school staff, Vikings traditionally enjoy graduation day on stage before heading out to dinner with family members and loved ones to celebrate the occasion. Around 9 p.m. the real fun begins once students return to the campus tennis courts, which have traditionally been covered with tents and filled with casino games and other carnival-style fun.

"It's a well-oiled machine. There's more than 100 parents and we spend all year planning the all-night party, collecting donations and everything that goes into it," Rigberg said. "But this year, we've had to all of a sudden pivot."

Since social distancing limits their ability to fit a DJ and hundreds of graduates in such a confined space, parents only recently decided how they would bring the magic to seniors.

"Basically, the idea was to get every senior a bag that would be filled with their cap and gown, a yearbook, a senior t-shirt, towel, face masks," Rigberg said, as she detailed the laundry list of items that went into every hand-filled package, which was given to students the Saturday before the most recent protests broke out.

"We were actually begging Dr. Shelton for more time and wanted to do it Sunday," Rigberg added, but almost every party involved is thankful they didn't wait or else the entire operation would have had to be canceled.

The only threatening sight during the drive-by gown pick-up was a giant Viking mascot, which housed a DJ booth and greeted families when they drove down Michigan to the view of signs and streamers.

Prior to the end of the road, parents pulled over for the contactless exchange of books and gowns. Almost everybody used the opportunity to catch up with old friends and teachers who they hadn't seen in weeks.

Now that she can look and say it was a success, Rigberg admits the process was a little hectic.

"But the truth is I think it was a total labor of love for me," Rigberg said. "I thought the seniors deserved a special moment and I truly think parents all wanted these kids to give them that special feeling you can only capture during graduation."

Rigberg added she is proud of the partnership that school officials and parents have because none of the wonderful activities would've come to fruition without everybody's participation and assistance in recent weeks.

"I think the feeling of working so closely with them to make this happen is one of the things that I think was most fun, and the most rewarding for me," Rigberg said before commending the assembly line of volunteers who made everything possible.



Matthew Hall

CELEBRATE: Volunteers worked to provide Seniors with a celebration, even if they had to do it from a distance.

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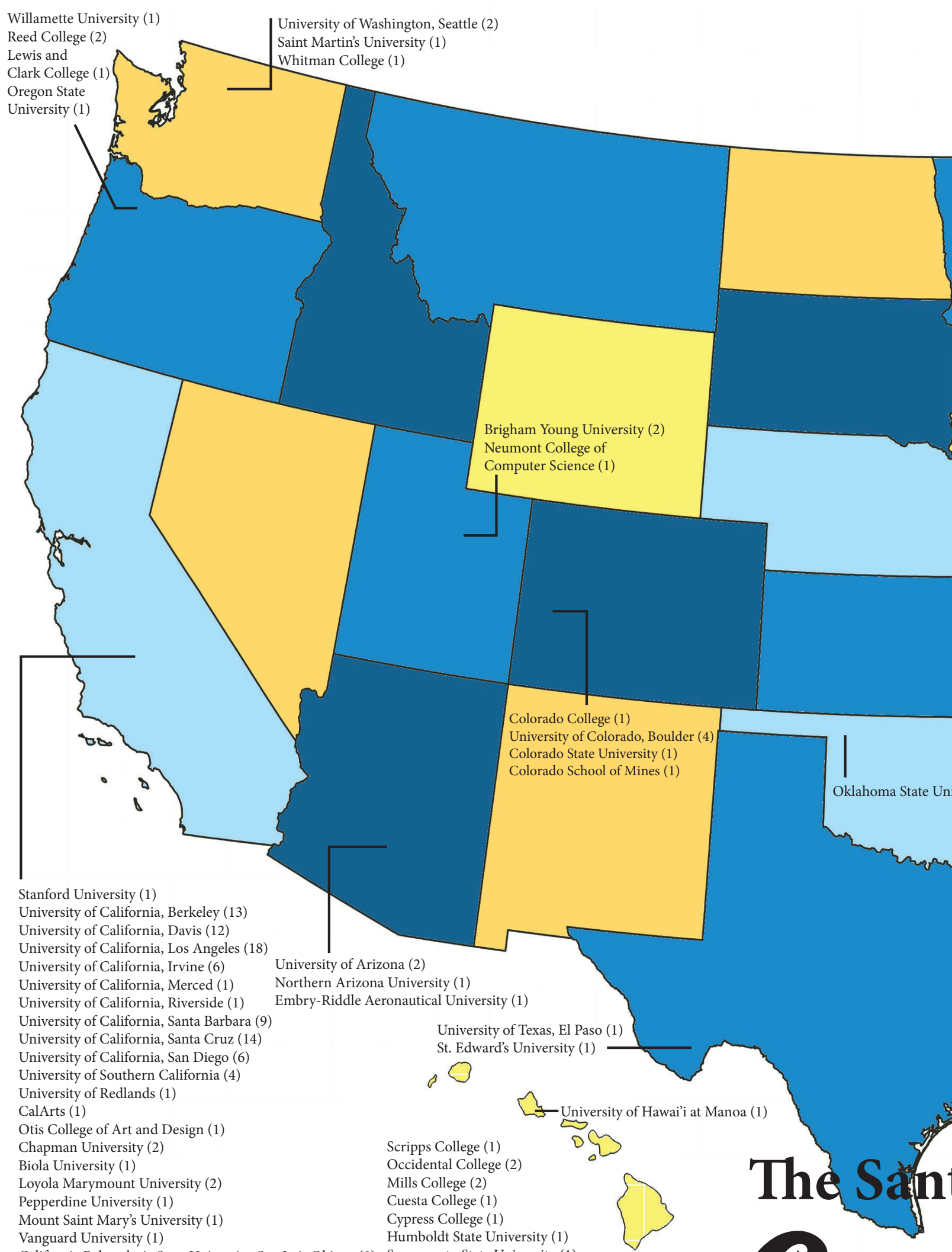
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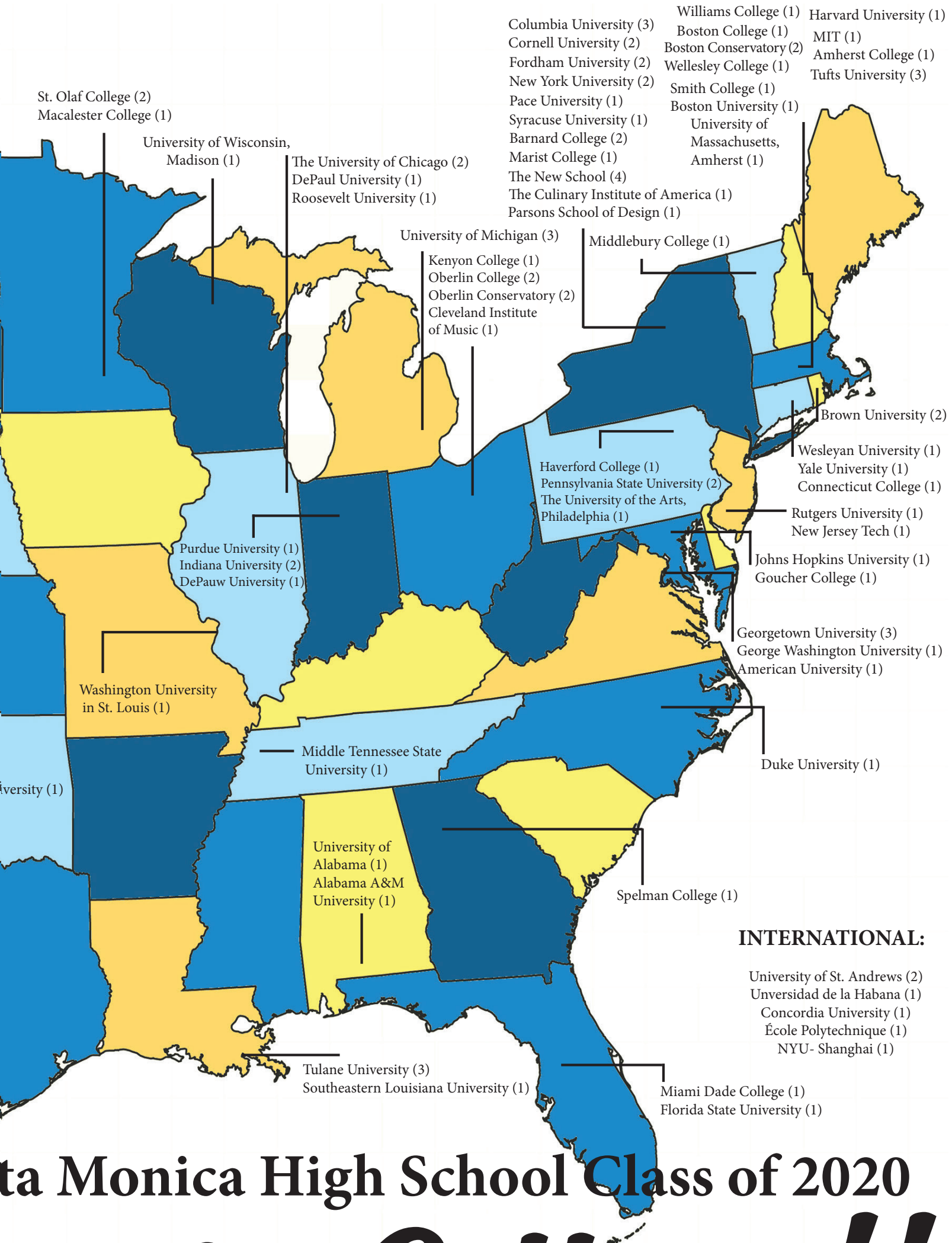
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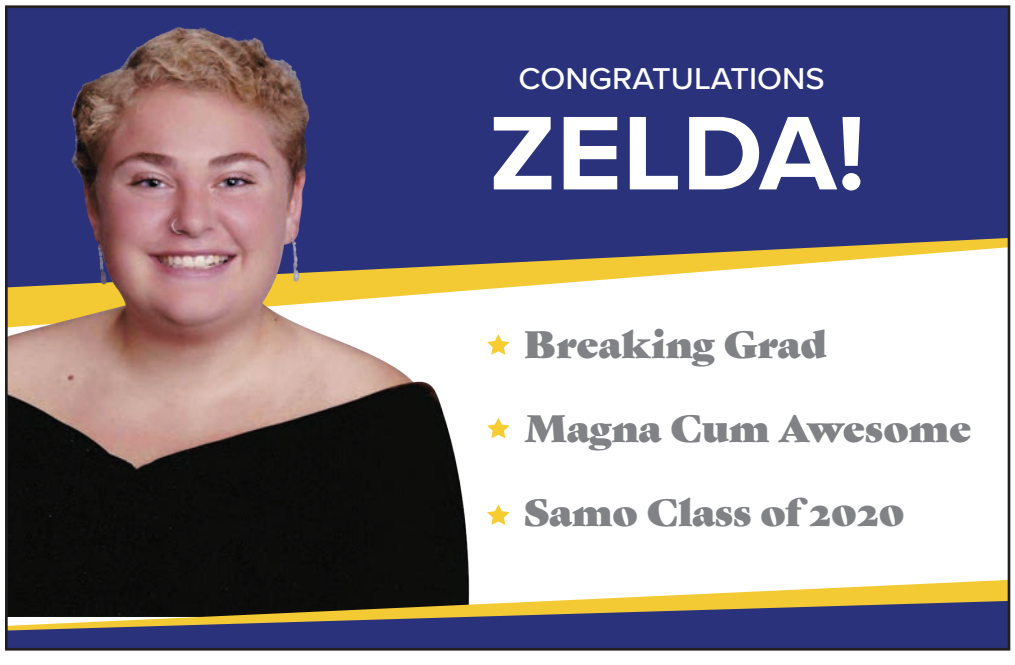
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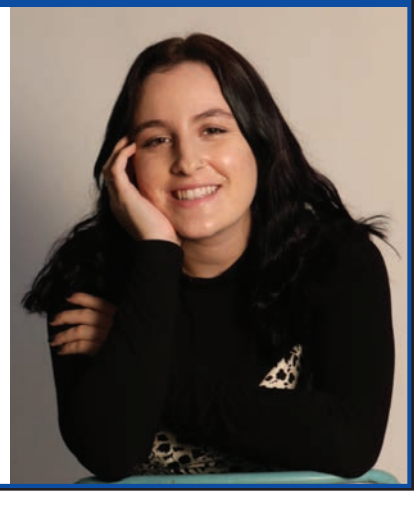


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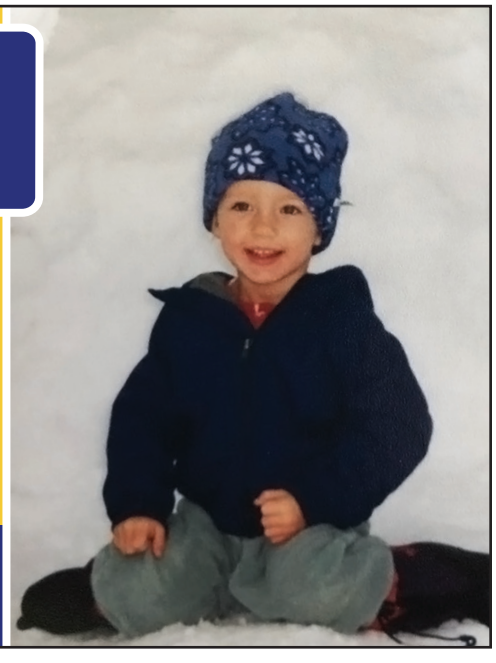


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Santa Monica High School Hymn Of Praise

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For you our banners fly,
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Congratulations to the class of 2020!

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Superintendent's Message to the Class of 2020

DR. BEN DRATI
SMMUSD Superintendent

The year 2020 will go down in history as an unprecedented global pandemic that has upended life for millions of people in the world, including the Class of 2020. We had envisioned seniors going to prom, looking forward to Grad Nites, attending awards banquets, playing spring sports and sending out graduation invitations to friends and family.

Instead, you are stuck at home finishing off your senior year with distance learning and its challenges, the events you were looking forward to cancelled, postponed or re-envisioned. You may be filled with an uneasiness and uncertainty about what the next weeks, months and even years, may hold.

Class of 2020, my heart aches for you. I am so sorry that the final, joyous moments of your preschool-12 experience have been cut short by a worldwide pandemic. When you started your senior year back in August, none of us had any way of knowing that it would end so differently than years past, without the same traditions that all of us have experienced and celebrated.

Coronavirus would completely change life as we know it.

Even though the future is still undetermined, it still does not feel real that March 12 could have been your last day of high school, ever. We've heard the #OneMoreDay, and understand the desire to be together one more time. Some of you are mourning the loss of your senior year.

Many of you feel frustrated and upset and question why this is happening to you. Some of you are just eager to move on and begin the next chapter of your lives.

One thing I know for certain, is that during this difficult time, you have learned lessons that you will carry with you for the rest of your life. In speaking with many of you, you have shared some of the ways these lessons and life skills will serve you well in college, career and beyond.

Adapting to unexpected changes — Your life changed overnight. You had to adapt in so many ways: from the way you do school, to the way you interact with your friends, to the way you maintain your social, physical and emotional health. Since we know the only constant in life is change, the more you are equipped to deal with it, the better.

Working and learning remotely — Just as you are distance learning from home, many of your parents are working remotely from home as well. Working and learning remotely will increasingly become the norm in a post-coronavirus world. The independence and ownership that you are displaying will serve you well.

Managing your time — In college and adult life, there are many distractions, just as there are at home currently. How do you decide when to study versus going surfing or shopping with your friends? Sleep in or work out? Do your job and fit in homework, too? Time management is one of the most important life skills you can master as a young adult, and many of you are receiving a crash course in it right now.

Cherishing moments with your family — This unexpected time at home, for better or for worse, has increased the quality time you are spending with your family and loved ones. Make the most of it. Cherish every moment, as these moments will pass quickly as you grow older.

Learning new life skills — Some of you are taking the opportunity to learn new life skills during your extended time at home: cooking, cleaning, laundry, budgeting, home improvement work, home repairs, etc. As I like to say, some of the best learning can occur outside of the classroom.

Becoming more resilient — Michelle Obama once said, "You should never view your challenges as a disadvantage. Instead, it's important for you to understand that your experience facing and overcoming adversity is actually one of your biggest advantages." You aredeveloping grit, resilience and determination as you struggle. Never forget that you are stronger for having experienced this moment in history together.

Learning the importance of community and giving back — I have heard many uplifting

stories about our SMMUSD students making a difference in our communities. Students have been making masks and other protective gear, helping needy families with food and necessities, providing words of encouragement and goodie bags to medical workers and more. All around us, young people are taking the lead in giving back to those in need. We appreciate your leadership, compassion and generous hearts.

As your superintendent, know that I am incredibly proud of you. We know there's no substitute for the traditional year-end ceremonies, but we have had discussions with students, staff and parents who are all working hard to plan alternatives that honor you and all that you've accomplished.

Class of 2020, this pandemic has given all of us more of an appreciation for life and the simple things we once took for granted. Many of us are longing for that opportunity just to see our friends face-to-face one more time. This experience has bonded all of us together as a stronger school community. While coronavirus may have taken away several months of your senior year,

it can never take away the laughter, friendship and memories that you've made with your classmates, teachers and families over the past 13 years in SMMUSD.

Please connect with your school administration to learn how we are honoring and celebrating your graduation success.

Stay strong and know that your time at SMMUSD has prepared you for a brighter future. We wish you all the best in health and success in your future.

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"C-7"license,** on the following: **Bid #20.15.SMS.M – Districtwide Elementary School Security Camera Project at sites within both Santa Monica & Malibu.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$2,300,000.00 - $2,500,000.00** and includes the installation of video surveillance cameras and all associated pathways, cabling and storage appliances for the expansion of the District's existing video surveillance system and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 6/23/2020 no later than 2:00 PM. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 6/9/2020 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html.

Mandatory Job Walk: No job walk will be conducted due to COVID-19 "Stay Safer at Home Orders"

Electronic Bid Submittal Deadline: 6/23/2020 no later than 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smmusd.org directly.

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Samohi students showcase diverse academic interests throughout the year

Samohi Seniors excelled in and out of the classroom this year with a variety of organizations recognizing the hard work of Santa Monica students.

Students from Santa Monica High School, won the LA Surf Bowl, a regional ocean science academic competition that is part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB). The LA Surf Bowl, which was hosted by the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, is part of a nationwide competition that tests students' knowledge of ocean science disciplines through buzzer-style, multiple-choice questions and open-ended team challenge questions. The Santa Monica High School team placed second at the National Finals.

Samohi's Team Marine was recognized for their 11-foot-tall art installation that helped the group secure first place in the international Bow Seat Marine Debris Creative Advocacy Competition and a prize of $5,000. Team Marine worked to advocate for a district wide sustainability plan and the installation, of "Giant Plastic Bottle sculpture," at the Third Street Promenade brought hundreds of residents and tourists to discuss Team Marine's work and the issues associated with single-use plastics and solutions. The interactive structure was composed of more than 600 plastic bottles that were mainly sourced from a single classroom on the local high-school campus.

Santa Monica High School's Distributive Education Clubs of America, or DECA, chapter had students place first in a districtwide conference that occurred in Anaheim.

The goal of DECA is to integrate academic business learning to applied situations, so, the students use their extra-curricular time to discuss different principles of economics like supply demand and marketing terms. At competitions participating members are given an exam and a possible workplace problem that could arise on an average day. Members present how they would go about solving the problem to a panel comprised of real-world business owners and professionals.

Local Santa Monica students were recognized during the Human Rights Educators USA special Youth Engagement Recognition. Students were included in the recognition on International Human Rights Day as a result of their participation in the Human Rights Watch's LA-based Student Task Force. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the youth leadership-training program, which engages high school students and educators from the Los Angeles area and empowers them to advocate for human rights issues, has many different chapters spread throughout public and private campuses in Southern California. Samohi's chapter invited Human Rights Watch's Tamar Chafets to host a presentation that discussed youth homelessness and some resources that are available to students experiencing a similar situation, and the chapter worked on an initiative that would allow senior students to donate school supplies they no longer need so less fortunate children would no longer have to worry about finding the funds to cover the often pricey purchases every school year.



Extraordinary Times



Courtesy photo.

CELEBRATING SENIORS: The class of 2020 has experienced an extraordinary conclusion to their high school career.

The 2019-2020 school year has been anything but ordinary for students across the Westside, yet the local Vikings and their peers across California have still found ways to persevere.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Like so many had before them, Samohi seniors came into the new academic year eager to make lasting memories with longtime friends before they had to say goodbye for what could be the final time.

During the school year, which turned out to be unlike any other before it, some students used what they had learned in class to build life-sized projects that would be seen in places like the Third Street Promenade by thousands of tourists, while others used their talents out of the classroom to find success in sports like football and wrestling during the Fall semester.

No matter what academic or extracurricular activity they were working on — and there sure were a lot of them — the year was going well for most. But right as students began to prepare their plans and vacations for Spring Break, Covid-19 hit America and changed the lives of millions.

SCHOOL DISMISSED

In early March, only a few days after the entire school rallied to support its girls basketball team's playoff run, students were still unsure how serious the pandemic would shape up to be, but it was threatening enough to force district officials to dismiss all students from campus on Thursday, March 12.

They didn't know it yet, but this would be the final time high school seniors would find themselves in class with their peers.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The distance learning format was an adjustment for all involved when school "returned," but once students and their parents were able to get the background noises in-check, scholars adjusted in no time and soon found themselves discussing Shakespearean themes and preparing for Advanced Placement exams just as they were prior to the dismissal; albeit now from the comfort of their couches at home.

To help students — some of who were not properly equipped to handle the rigors of learning outside the classroom — the board of education passed a resolution that called for letter grades to be based on student's performance from assignments that were due Friday, March 13 — one day after students were dismissed due to Covid-19.

BIG PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

And today, dozens of Samohi graduates are preparing for their upcoming virtual graduation ceremony. Soon after, some will embark on adventures in countries overseas and others will look to make an impact in the community that raised them.

No matter where they go, though, Samohi Principal Antonio Shelton said, Samohi scholars are vibrant, upbeat and strong-willed individuals who know how to band together when difficulties arise.

As a result, Shelton added, "I believe without a doubt that this class will use this difficult and unpredictable time as a growth opportunity… This pandemic will only make the Samohi Class of 2020 more powerful in their pursuits in life."



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Jon Kean SMMUSD Board Of Education President.

Letter from the Board Of Education

JON KEAN
SMMUSD Board Of Education

When Charles Dickens penned "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" he could've been describing the spring of 2020…if he chose to undersell it. Graduates of Santa Monica High School and Olympic High School, you are living through unprecedented times. And while we all feel the deep sense of loss for the rewards that you should have reaped, we realize that through this time of virus mandated quarantines and the vast social unrest that has gripped our nation, you have become a truly unique cohort of students. No graduating class in the past century has faced what you have. But you will not be defined by what you lived through. You will be defined by what you do next.

The world is hurting: socially, economically, environmentally. morally, even physically. We are a people in need of healing. And you will be the leaders of this recovery. You have grown from kids negotiating "slicey" and "waterfall" rules on elementary yard handball courts to young adults advocating for yourselves and future generations. You were ready for your next steps before the chaos of Spring 2020 and if anything you are even more determined and prepared now.

Your community is exceedingly proud of you and your resiliency. We anxiously await your accomplishments as citizens of this world. To go back to Mr. Dickens: "It was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope". You are our hope. You are our future. Go out and grab it, make your mark knowing that you will always have a home here in Santa Monica.



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Kevin McKeown Mayor from Santa Monica.

Letter from the Santa Monica Mayor

MAYOR KEVIN MCKEOWN
City of Santa Monica

Congratulations, Santa Monica High School Class of 2020! Our City of Santa Monica is particularly proud of you, because you've made it to graduation despite obstacles previous classes never had to overcome.

At the same time we join your parents, families, and friends in expressing pride in your accomplishments, we acknowledge that these last months were not easy, and that you may feel you missed some of the rewards for your years of study and work.

Samohi has long been a haven of stability and certainty. I worked at Samohi for 25 years, and know well the familiar rhythms of class bells, extra-curriculars, and social events. The loss of all that to the coronavirus pandemic was unfairly difficult for you in the second half of your senior year.

On this day, most years, I'd be at the Greek Amphitheater to watch each of you get your diploma in person. We're both missing that experience, as are your parents and families. Yet our entire community rises up together to honor and salute the Class of 2020.

High school friendships were hard-won when you came into Samohi as a freshman class, but now as seniors you know the value of those bonds with classmates you can count on no matter what. Having to be apart during the final weeks of your senior year, which you long anticipated spending together, has to have been a constant heartache. The good news is that high school friendships can last a lifetime, and yours are just beginning.

Today you graduate from Samohi as the most distinguished class our community has ever seen, distinguished by a remarkable extra level of flexibility and commitment.

You may feel you got a raw deal, but you got something more important. You got a chance to show what you're made of. You got a chance to show your strength, and your resiliency. You've made us even prouder of you!

The predictable regularity of high school isn't the only kind of education. Too often, life gives the test before offering the lesson. You have been tested by circumstances, you have shown your ability to deal with life on life's terms, and you've not only passed the test but you've done so with flying colors of Samohi blue and gold. Congratulations, Vikings!

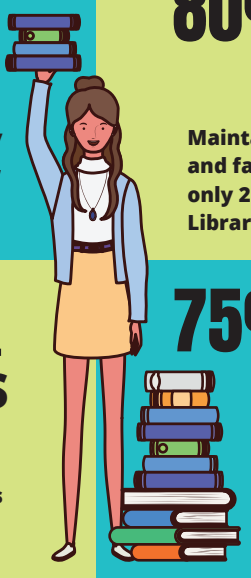
With a 43% reduction in funding ($5.7 million cut from its $13.2 million budget), the Santa Monica Public Library will look drastically different.

58% LESS STAFF

Less in-person support for library account management, reference, and resource assistance at service desks.

80% LESS SERVICE

Maintaining services to youth and families will be difficult with only 2 of 10 Youth Services Librarians remaining.



64% LESS ACCESS

Hours of operation reduced from 259 hours per week at 5 locations to 93 hours per week at 3 locations.

75% FEWER PROGRAMS

Reduced neighborhood focused programs for youth, families, literacy, and senior services.

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Let City Council know you support the restoration of $3 million in funding so the Library can reopen all five branches, five days a week and retain Youth Services Librarians.

We need your support and public comments to encourage a budget change. Email councilmtgitems@smgov.net by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, June 9.

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Samohi Class of 2020

on a job well done.

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Congrats to Samohi's Sports Teams

Girls Soccer Team

With a regular season record of 14-6, Santa Monica High School's girls soccer team finished the year Ocean League champions. They enjoyed home field advantage in the CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs and held a double-digit winning streak for most of this season's campaign. After the season, California Interscholastic Federation officials named Samohi senior Giulia Trevellin the Ocean League MVP.

Girls Basketball Team

Following a victory over El Segundo High School, Samohi's girls basketball team finished its Ocean league season undefeated in the division and headed into the playoffs ranked number 1 in the Southern Section Division 3AA Girls Basketball Rankings. With their respectable overall record of 21 wins and 7 losses, players said they hoped to make a deep push in the CIF playoffs earlier this Spring. Players' dreams would come true as they dismantled opponent after opponent with stifling defense and energy. The Vikings eventually finished the year as the CIF State Division 2 Southern Region Runner Up and came one game shy of the state championship.

Boys Football Team

For the first time in more than half-a-decade, the Santa Monica High School football team hosted a home playoff game when it reached the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 11 football playoffs this year.

Led by seniors Cody Bell, Donovan Parks, Kayden Thomas and Anthony Arnou, Samohi's six regular season wins were good enough to secure the team's first playoff appearance in football since 2014.

Boys Basketball Team

The Samohi boys basketball team finished the year Ocean League champions with a 18-10 record, which propelled them to the CIF Division 2AA Boys Basketball playoffs. The team would lose by 3 points in the first round, but senior standout Quincy Hilaire-McGriff hopes to continue his career on the hardwood in college.

Track & Field

The Track & Field team had 5 Valedictorian candidates on the team and secured a number of Samohi Senior Award Honors this year; and we haven't even mentioned how they excelled on the track.

Girls Water Polo

The Girls Water Polo team kept a cool head in the pool at all times this year en route to an Ocean League championship and the CIF Division 3 playoffs.

With their Letters of Intent signed, seniors Quincy Hilaire-McGriff, Iternite Reed and Chantal Moawad will soon be heading the University of Texas El Paso, Saint Martin's University and Brown University, respectively, to showcase their skills on the hardwood, while Donovan Parks and Anthony Arnou intend to head south to Alabama A&M University and the University of San Diego to continue their careers in football.

The community also hopes all of the seniors who had their careers cut short by Covid-19 continue to strive because you will be successful!











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TEAMS: It was a good year for the Santa Monica High School sporting community.









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Olympic High School celebrates 30 graduates



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OLYMPIC HIGH: Newly refreshed, this High School is a great example of student resilience.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's Olympic High School will also celebrate graduation this year. Olympic students will participate in a contactless graduation caravan on June 9 with students and their families celebrating from their cars. The graduates have been invited to park on the school grounds and when they hear their name, the students exited the car and walked a lap around the vehicle to honks, headlight flashes and other in-car celebrations.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We are very proud of the resilience and tenacity of our seniors!

The worldwide Covid–19 pandemic has denied them the mythical Senior Spring, Spring Break, Prom and Grad night. Now because of the failure of American society, they have been brutally reminded, again and again, that some lives matter more than others. But these Olympic seniors are coming up, as it were, at the right time. While there is much adversity and injustice in the world, many of our students have already fought those challenges first hand. They have lived that which many of us know nothing about. They have seen what we have not seen, and still they rise!

With their knowledge and experience we hope that as they enter Adulthood, they will help transform our nation into one that lives up to the promises made to its citizens. We will be here to support them for as long as they need us.

ACTA NON VERBA.

Thank you,
Anthony Fuller M.A., M.Ed.
Principal, Olympic High School

Olympic High School will have 30 students graduate this year. There will be 23 students completing their studies this month and an additional seven finishing by the end of the summer.

Wednesday Weber
Fayth Turner-Black
Colin Flannery
Gian Gladous
Adam Wilbur
Elijah Christian
Maya Rudolph
Jessie Ordaz
Bilal Zaidi
Wysdom Turner-Black
Elena Bonett
Elliot Clarke
Rikki Esquivel
Harper Fish
Cameryn Johnson
David KJenner-Love
Gabriel Marinez
Natalie Miles (summer)
Arthur Moore
Isaac Rico (summer)
Anjelina Tirado
Angel Vera
Deion Braxton
Anthony Castillo
James Moore
Hayden Signoretti
Yaremi Baza
Jonathan Kennedy
Kanaris York
Giselle Becerra Garcia

CONGRATULATIONS SAMOHI CLASS OF 2020!

We invite you to hear, read, remember, and heed the recent words of former President Barack Obama, excerpted here:



"Your graduation marks your passage into adulthood — the time when you begin to take charge of your own life.

It’s when you get to decide what’s important to you... the values you want to live by.

Doing what feels good, what’s convenient, what’s easy — that’s how little kids think. Unfortunately, a lot of so-called grown-ups, including some with fancy titles and important jobs, still think that way — which is why things are so screwed up.

So be alive to one another’s struggles. Stand up for one another’s rights. Leave behind all the old ways of thinking that divide us — sexism, racial prejudice, status, greed — and set the world on a different path."

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- **Honor** to live by your principles, in both word and deed
- **Service** to those in your community who are most vulnerable to abuses of power

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CONGRATULATIONS

GRADUATES!

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To the graduates of 2020, we are proud of you! Know that your entire community is wishing you the best today. You have accomplished so much and we know graduation will be just one of many moments of success for you. Keep growing, learning and working to positively contribute to your communities.

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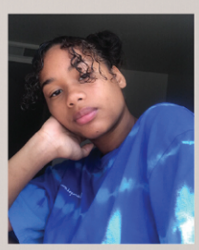
We are proud of all you have accomplished and achieved, and know wherever you go in life it will be as a leader, forging GREAT FUTURES!



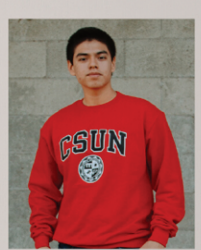
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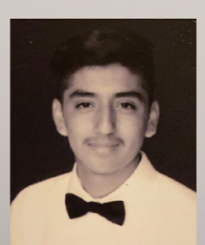
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-The Massetti Consulting Team



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