

I could have never thought that leaving school in March would be the last time. Just like how nobody could have expected to be forced to quarantine. One of the only positives of this I can think of is that I have had a lot of time to think about what I want to say here. I thought to myself do I want to talk about how resilient we are, or about what a great accomplishment this is? Even though both of those things and many more are true with this class, I decided to speak about all the memories that I've had with this class both good and bad.

Not all are good memories, however, but not everything in life can be positive sometimes. We should have two other people graduating with us, Wesley and Hunter, which hurts everyone in our class. Another negative that we have faced or are facing is that we don't have the chance for a proper farewell. Even though there are many negative memories, the positive times that we have experienced far outweigh the negatives.

The positive memories that I have with this class go all the way back to kindergarten. I can remember that first day I went to kindergarten being afraid begging my mom not to leave me, but the very next time I had to go I was excited to see the new people that would eventually become some of my best friends. Every year after that I grew closer to more and more people within my class to the point where I am now. I can walk down the hall and have the luxury of knowing everyone in my class. Seeing everyone's familiar face around the school always improved a school day for me. I can list all the positive memories I have, but I don't want to take away from the fact that this day is about the accomplishments of everyone here.

As I come to the end of my time in high school I want to say thank you to the faculty and to the parents for helping us get to this spot today. Without your support we would not be graduating today. To my classmates I would also like to say thank you for making my time in high school so enjoyable.

As we all begin to part ways and set out on our own journeys, remember that we are forever entwined as the Class of 2020 from Gladstone High School. Whatever you do after high school, I ask you to think back to this moment to show that you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. I am excited to hear about all of the success from this class in the future. Now I guess the only thing left to say is Class of 2020 out.