Class of 2020,

What is there to say? I have stared blankly at my computer screen for hours, trying to come up with something to say that you haven't yet heard. I could give you a speech on perseverance, and how we are the toughest class to ever walk through the front doors of the high school. But you all know that. Each and every one of us a shining example of resilience when the going gets rough. And if you didn't know that, I'm sure your parents have already shared enough sympathy posts on Facebook to let you all know that you are unbreakable.

Our parents do have a point though. This class of 2020 is pretty remarkable. We came into this world during a time of uncertainty. And just like our stories began, we are starting this brand new chapter of our lives in a time of uncertainty as well. We have been a class plagued with hardships, and devastating losses. Yet here we are. Graduation day. Now I know it may not be how you envisioned it four years ago. I know that I was not expecting to be addressing you guys today, let alone from the comfort of my own home. We all wish that we could have had a normal last day of school, a normal graduation, and a normal celebration with friends and family. But let's face it. Our current scenario is simply not normal.

Yet here we are. We are adapting and finding ways to combat our setbacks. Rather than dwelling on the things that we are missing, we are finding ways to do it on our own terms. That seems to be the way our class rolls. When we want something badly, we'll work our hardest to find a solution. We need to keep this fighting mentality as we transition into our adult lives. Our ability