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Senior Maggie Krejci celebrates the ending of four years by decorating a graduation cap. Taken in the front of Severna Park High School, some seniors did not come in person this school year, but decided to remain virtual. “I’m excited to start the the next chapter in my book of life” Krejci said. Photo by Sophie Krejci

THE SENIOR ISSUE



A SHIFT IN GRADUATION PLANS

Seniors' feelings about traditional graduation gatherings and events that have changed due to COVID-19.

Graham Haynie | Staff Writer

With this school year slowly creeping to an end, students can finally relax a little knowing that they will be finished with school work and will have the summer to relax. But for seniors, their plans have been altered due to the pandemic and their old graduation plans will have to be changed to accommodate the new world we all live in.

For most seniors their graduation would have been a time for celebration, similar to what senior student Stephen Brant had in mind.

“My plans originally were to have a party with friends and family,” Brant said. Ideas need to be more restricted, especially when they had originally involved large gatherings of friends and family. This of course is to help not accidentally spread COVID-19 to people.

“I feel that it’s important to change my plans because the party was going to have my grandparents and some older people at risk which would be bad,” Brant said. Similar to weddings, most events

must either be canceled or put on hold. Plans like Brant’s are far too risky to be held at the moment.

However, with vaccines being rolled out, life is slowly returning to normal. That is no reason to hold events or gatherings with family and or friends, but we can hope that during the summer things will return back to normal, so we can hold events or do things that have been made safe under COVID-19 regulations. “My plans for graduation now are to go to Disney World with my father,” Brant said.

The county has also changed graduation plans, with the venue changing.

“Class of 2021 commencement exercises for Anne Arundel County Public Schools’ 12 comprehensive high schools with graduating seniors will all take place in the newly constructed stadium at Crofton High School,” according to an announcement made April 21 by Superintendent George Arlotto at a Board of Education meeting.

“This has not been in any way the kind of school year any of us envisioned or wanted for our

graduating seniors, who have persevered through a year unlike any other,” Dr. Arlotto wrote in a letter sent to families of high school seniors. “As I have said for many months, our team has been committed to providing an in-person ceremony to salute our graduating seniors in the best way we can. We believe this plan offers us the opportunity to do that, and I look forward to helping to salute our graduates in June.”

Last year, seniors participated in a drive up graduation ceremony, this year it will take place in a venue and faculty and staff will be in attendance,

just in a limited capacity.

“Graduation for SPHS Class of 2021 is Wednesday, June 9 at 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Crofton High School stadium,” Principal Bathras shared with senior parents in a email home the week of April 26.

Seniors will be limited to two tickets and one parking ticket, as the parking is limited. Weather might be a factor because it will be a outside event, so the county has slated Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12 as potential make up days if there is inclement weather for the original June 9 date.

A graduation photo taken a year ago during the lock down, where getting a high school diploma had to be done in a drive by one person at a time instead of the usual event that would take place, all due to Covid-19. Photo Credit: Graham Haynie



GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!

A few SPHS students who plan to attend the Naval Academy for the next four years.

Sydney Herz | Editor in Chief

Serving one's country is a passion many people possess and commit to throughout their lives. Four SPHS seniors in particular have the passion and hope to act on it by attending the U.S. Naval Academy in the fall. Charlie Kriel, Jordyn Urrea, Carson Sloat and Colin Shadowens now have the opportunity to see their dreams come true and could not be more excited for the next chapter of their lives.

“Ever since I was three years old, I have dreamt of serving in the United States military,” Shadowens said. “I grew up idolizing my father and I’ve always been proud of his nine years of serving in the United States Army.”

These four seniors all come from military backgrounds and wish to continue the family tradition of serving their country, but always have bigger dreams and goals beyond that of their family legacy.

“I come from a military family, however I want to establish my own legacy by being the first to enter the service through the Naval Academy,” Urrea said. “As of right now, I hope to go to Pensacola, Florida to become a Naval Aviator; my ultimate long-term goal is to eventually outrank my dad who is a retired Marine Major.”

However, Urrea isn’t the only one with big aspirations for their future at the Academy. Shadowens has an ultimate goal of graduating from the Naval Academy after serving as a commissioned officer and receiving a world-class education.

Similarly, Sloat will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy to run D1 track and cross country with big hopes for his future.

“My ultimate goal in attending [the] Navy in particular is to become the best possible officer before beginning military service while also becoming a better athlete and person,” Sloat said.

Some chose to follow in their parents or siblings footsteps, while others took a big leap to be the first in their family to attend a different acad-

emy. But these students recognized all the other benefits the Naval Academy had to offer.

“To be a part of the tight knit military community, surrounded by good people is something that is important to me,” Kriel said. “The ultimate goal of attending a service academy is for the experiences, the people I will get to meet, and the places I will be able to go due to the military.”

The future is bright and exciting for these future SPHS graduates as they have so much to look forward to and prepare for. Along the way and through their owed five years of service in a specific field of the Navy after graduation, these students hope to learn more about themselves and enjoy being a part of the rich history and culture of the U.S. Naval Academy.

“First and foremost [my goal] is to prepare myself to lead as a Naval officer and be a part of something greater than myself,” Urrea said. “Other goals I hope to achieve while at the Academy are to gain a top tier education and to develop lifelong friends amongst my peers.”



Serving her country has always been an ambition for senior Jordyn Urrea and choosing the academy in which to do so was not a difficult task. Urrea plans to serve in the U.S. Naval Academy for the next four years and beyond. “I wanted to be a part of the rich history associated with the Academy, along with it being a top academic institution in the nation,” Urrea said. Photo courtesy of Jordyn Urrea.

CLASS OF 202X

Three SPHS students plan to say goodbye to their childhood, community and high school memories a year earlier than expected.

Sydney Herz | Editor-in-Chief

This school year has been anything but normal and with high school being virtual and hybrid for the remainder of this year and unknown for next year, some SPHS students took their futures into their own hands, deciding to rewrite their stories by graduating a year early.

Making the decision to put on the cap and gown a year sooner than the rest of their grade was not an easy one, whether that be a heavier workload, summer school classes, college applications, internships, or projects. Lindsay Hopper had to put in extra time and effort to receive the necessary requirements to graduate early and hopefully attend community college and nursing school in Florida after graduation.

“Graduating early has always been a plan of mine,” Hopper said. “I took extra classes to get enough

credits to graduate early, so I’m skipping senior year.”

Not only did these students have to make sure they got all the correct credits and take all the required classes in order to leave SPHS a year early, they also had to weigh the pros and cons of ending their high school career. Leaving friends, sports games, dances, and other unforgettable experiences behind came easy to one student, Logan Meachum, as he has his whole future ahead of him to look forward to.

“I never lived the high school life and I knew that because of Covid, balancing a more excessive schedule would be easier because of being quarantined,” Meachum said. “I have many projects that I am working on in my career currently and being out of high school will allow me to focus more on those.”

While leaving isn’t a difficult

decision to make for these two students, there are many aspects that they will carry with them into the next chapter of their lives, whether that be the valuable life lessons they learned, the relationships they built, or the unforgettable memories they made with those closest to them. SPHS will always be their home and one such graduate, Juliette Krycia reminisces on her favorite experiences within the community as she prepares to head off to Elon in the fall.

“My favorite part of high school was probably the football games and the teachers that I’ve made a connection with,” Krycia said. “I will be missing out on things, but that doesn’t bother me [since] I’ll also be gaining new experiences that I never thought I’d be able to experience this coming year.”



Logan Meachum’s secondary education panned out perfectly to allow him to graduate early. After he receives his diploma, Meachum will be attending Pepperdine University in Malibu, California to begin the next chapter of his life. “I actually started school a year earlier and decided to graduate a year earlier,” Meachum said. “I’m technically graduating two years early.” Photo courtesy of Logan Meachum.

JOBS WITH VACCINATION BENEFITS

Students have been getting jobs with the Board of Education in order to be eligible for vaccinations earlier.

Bella Boettinger | Staff Writer

Elementary schools all over the county are hiring mid-day monitors, an in person position that only demands a couple hours of service two or four days a week. This position is favored towards seniors because it takes place in the middle of school days, so if your classes end before noon it's the perfect mid day job.

"I was looking for a job but it's so hard to find one in the pandemic. Then a friend mentioned this job and they were happy to hear that I wanted to be a midday monitor. There is no shortage of positions and it's a very rewarding experience." senior Salma Abushi said.

This is a great temporary position because it is only during school which means by summer you'll be done. It's a way to make a little extra money before summer and to learn about working in a school atmosphere. The expected duties include supervising children during lunch, recess, and after recess.

"Being a midday monitor has helped me realize what path I want to take when I'm older," Abushi said. Students interested in teaching would greatly benefit from this opportunity because it gives you insight to what working in education is like.

As a monitor, vaccinations are also available since you become



AACPS has many benefits including eligibility for the coronavirus vaccine. Students can be assigned jobs such as recess monitors or lunch monitors. "It's been a great experience working with kids and being able to get vaccinated." Senior Salma Abushi said. Photo by: Bella Boettinger

an employee of AACPS. Many seniors have been able to get vaccinations earlier than planned because of this job which has been a very beneficial perk.

"I was scared that I wasn't going to get the vaccine for a while,"

senior Kayla Stasuli said. "But then I took this job and once I was eligible I took the opportunity. It's a huge relief being vaccinated."

Seniors should take this position to get experience in an educational environment and to get vaccinated.

VAN GOGHING TO COLLEGE

The artists of Severna Park and where they are headed.

Sophie Krejci | Editor in Chief



Ella Woodbury creates online pieces in her free time, using digital tools to compose her artwork. Ella got inspired during quarantine when she had ample time to work. “[I tried] to develop a personal style and to expand my reach to really get my art out there for people to see,” Woodbury said. Graphic by: Ella Woodbury

ELLA WOODBURY

Woodbury is a senior at Severna Park who enjoys drawing and creating digital work in her free time. “I love art that really tells a story, something that makes you look at the details and the subject,” Woodbury said. Quarantine gave Woodbury ample time to enjoy what she loved and advance her skills. Her process varies depending on what piece she decides to start and the day. “I’ll usually start by looking at references of things I’d like to draw and then I’d come up with a rough sketch and go from there. My process really varies from piece to piece and it can take anywhere from 20 minutes to a couple hours of drawing for me to come to the final product,” Woodbury said. Woodbury hopes to have her art seen by the public eye in her future.

AIDAN TURNER

Aidan Turner also works on digital art, but his pieces and processes are a little different. Turner layers several pieces of digital work which ultimately builds up to around 100 layers of work. “Almost all my inspiration comes from music and films really. Sometimes I’ll listen to a lyric or witness a scene of a movie and just think ‘how can I turn this into a scene.’ After I begin I usually spend some time working on the framework of the scene and come back to it a day or two later to see if my vision has changed at all,” Turner said. His images are photos with overlays that create an eerie and stunning feel. Turner spends 5-6 hours on each piece.



Aidan Turner is a senior at Severna Park High School spends hours on his pieces. Each photo made is layered. “In each piece there is around 100 layers of little things...” Turner said. Graphic by Aidan Turner

VERONICA DICKERSON

Anyone who has sat next to Veronica Dickerson in class knows she has a special talent in drawing and 2D art. Moreover, Veronica is planning to go to for illustration/ communication arts. She becomes inspired from many different events, places, and things. Dickerson then begins with some smaller pieces before tackling her big idea. “Though it depends on the piece, I would say that most of what I’ve been doing recently has taken at least ten hours. I like cramming a lot of detail into what I do so it can end up taking quite a while,” Dickerson said, “On the other hand I have the pace of a snail so that never helps,” she added.

TALON SENIORS LEAVE THE NEST

Talon seniors reflect on their time on newspaper staff as they prepare to start a new chapter in their life.

Sydney Herz | Editor in Chief

For those who have never had the privilege of being on the Talon newspaper staff, you're missing out. This paper is not only a school-day class and extracurricular activity, it's a family. Talon seniors want to thank Mrs. Earhart and past staff members for believing in them and for providing a safe home where they were free to share their passions and new ideas, while also enjoying the world's greatest breakfast food: bagels.



One such senior is staff writer Bella Boettinger. As a staff writer, she has allowed the newspaper to develop into something the SPHS community absolutely loves,

“Newspaper has taught me to go outside of my comfort zone,” Boettinger said. “I’ll miss the idea days and bagels [and] just talking with the staff during class.”

Boettinger plans to attend Anne Arundel Community College next fall to continue her writing career and take some writing classes to improve her writing skills.



Next is editor-in-chief Nick Carparelli, a student who has been on staff for the last three years, each year assigned a different role. For his senior year, Carparelli now shares the title of Editor-in-Chief. Throughout his time on staff, Carparelli has learned valuable lessons about how to prioritize his time and what it truly means to work hard for something you're passionate about.

“Over time it has taught me to be a prioritizer, be organized and do everything to my best potential,” Carparelli said.

Carparelli has enjoyed every moment and every article he wrote while part of the Talon team.

“Doing the hard, tedious work to pursue the goal at hand made the end result of getting the paper in hand that much sweeter,” Carparelli said. “That has made Newspaper unique and fun because the Talon is a family and we don't do anything without each other.”



Last but certainly not least is senior editor-in-chief Sophie Krejci. She earned this role at the start of her senior year from newspaper adviser, Valerie Earhart. Not only does this role allow Krejci to expand her creativity and share her stories with the SPHS community, but also gives her the sense of control and independence to create a newspaper that would inspire and captivate her audience.

“My favorite part of Newspaper was probably InDesign because once you have your article ready to go, it gets spiced up and displayed on a page,” Krejci said. “That's when I really feel like I work for a newspaper because the layout I chose is printed and sent across the school.”

While many of us can't imagine a paper without Krejci's inspiring, thought-provoking and entertaining stories, Krejci will miss the added benefits of being on staff and more than anything- the bagels given to all staff members on idea day every month.

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UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
Christina Currie
Reid Koutras

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Carson Smith

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
Audrey DuVall

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Joshua Boyle
Anthony Dicks
Michael George
Amalia Hagerty
Eunice Ko
Matthew Meleney
Kyla Paydo
Holden Tatem
Aidan Turner
Robert Weaver



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
Matthew Thompson



HOWARD UNIVERSITY
Jayvyn Wood

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
Grace Blanchfield
Clancy Ehnat
Dylan Smith
Ryan Sullivan



OLIVIA ABOUD:

Congratulations Olivia! We are so proud of all of your hard work and accomplishments! We know you will go out into the world and achieve great things. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Alexander and William

ANIYAH ALVELO:

Congratulations princess, we are so proud of you and all you have accomplished, can't wait to see what the future holds for you in college and beyond. God bless you
Mom and Dad

COLIN BENEDICT:

Be yourself, everyone else is taken. Besides, you're amazing!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jack & Nick

GRACE BLANCHFIELD:

We are so proud of you, your accomplishments and the person you have become! Continue to follow your heart and stay true to yourself and you will have success.
Dad, Mom, Nicholas and Paul

BRETT BUTZ:

Brett, Congratulations on your graduation! You have an exciting future ahead of you this fall at Clemson. We are all super proud of you!
The Fam

ALLISON CHUNG:

A HUGH shout out to our awesome girl, Allison! From the day one, you have been the heavenly blessing and delight. We are thankful for you and so very PROUD of you!
Mom, Dad, Ellie and Nate

CARTER CLEARY:

Congratulations Carter! We are so proud of you! You're killing it bro!! We Love you- Love, Mom, Dad, Jake, and Fergus
Dad, Mom, Peyton, Sydney

TRINITY CLIFFORD:

Trinity, Adventurer, Scholar & Ocean Saver... You rock this planet! Take with you this advice from an African Proverb... The Lion does not turn around when a small dog barks. We love you!
Mom, Grandma, and all of the rest of your fan club

REBECCA CREMMINS:

We are so proud of you. You have done amazing things and cannot wait to see you thrive in college (University of Delaware). So excited!
Love, Mom, Dad and Samantha

ELISE CRISTALLO:

We couldn't be more proud of you. We know you will achieve amazing things. The world is your oyster... go make a pearl!
Mom and Dad

JT (TYLER) CUSHING:

10 moves & 3 high schools-YOU ROCKED IT! Good luck at West Point! GO ARMY!
Love, Dad, Mom, Lauren & Katie

CHRISTINA and KATIE CURRIE:

Our family is blessed and twice impressed with your graduations during the Covid pandemic! Currie stars are twinkling brightly and are on the rise; we are so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad, Megan, Shelby & Delaware

CLANCY EHNAT:

We are so proud of you and who you are becoming! Congratulations- we can't wait to see what the future holds!
Mom, Dad, Cameron and Rebecca

SEAN FOREMAN:

I'm so proud of all that you've accomplished, Sean, and I can't wait to see what's next! I know you're going to have an amazing time next year. Let's go Terps!
Love, Mom

JACKSON HANLON:

Despite a challenging journey that included 7 schools and 4 different countries, you kept true to yourself and achieved your goals. We are proud of you and love you tons!
M, D, and P (Ike and Winnie, too)

RYAN HARRELL:

We are so proud of you! Looking forward to the next chapter. We know you will do amazing things. Good luck at Florida and GO GATORS!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jake, and Fergus

ELLIE HEATH:

Ellie, We are so proud of you! Best of luck with your next chapter at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.
Love, Mom, Dad, Robert and Abbie

BENNETT JEFFERDS:

From your first days in Pre-K at Oak Hill to SPMS and then SPHS, we have enjoyed your good humor, adventurous personality, and even your dare-devil ways. We love you and are so very proud of you. Hail to Pitt!
Love Always, Mom, Dad & Kyle

KURT KLAUS:

Kurt! Wow! Great things are around the corner! We are sooooo proud of you and will for sure have to put on our shades as we watch you in the future!
Mom, Dad, Eva, Chip!

REID KOUTRAS:

Congrats REID KOUTRAS!! You did it!! All your hard work paid off! You are on your way to NASA! We have never been more proud!! We Love YOU!!
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Nannie, Papou and Yia Yia!!

SOPHIE KREJCI:

Well done Sophie, Editor of The Talon! We can't wait to see what happens in your next chapter.
Mom, Dad, Maggie and James

MAGGIE KREJCI:

Congratulations Maggie, NHS President! The world awaits. "And though she be but little, she is fierce" -Shakespeare
Mom, Dad, Sophie and James

SEAN LADAS:

Happy graduation Sean! Looking forward to football games at FSU and seeing all the amazing things you'll do!
We love you-Mom, Dad, Lindsay, CJ AND Henry!

KATELYN LANDGRAF:

Congratulations! We're so proud of you. Best of luck in the future. May all your dreams come true. Tyrese, and the rest of the family!
Mom, Dad, and Eric

TALYNN LUCIEN:

Talynn, We couldn't be more proud of you! Congratulations! We love you!
Mom, Uncle Greg, Grandma, Grandpa, Julai, Tyrese, and the rest of the family!

CONLAN McCONNELL:

So PROUD of you Conlan! We love you and will miss you sooooo much... and we cannot wait to visit you in Montreal!
Love Mom, Dad, Grady, Dillon and Quinny

LIV NICHOLSON:

We're so happy to share in the excitement of your graduation. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to the next chapter in life-Eastern University.
Mom, Dad, Gabrielle, Hannah, Thumper, Thor,, Lyla

DANIEL PARKISON:

We are so proud of the young man you have become and look forward to seeing the difference you will make in the world!
Dad and Mom

DANIEL PATRICK:

You changed my world when you were born. So gentle, fierce, kind, fair, witty and strategic, you will undoubtedly have the same affect on so many others.
Mommy

DOUGLAS PATRICK:

You are never that far away. We're right with you.
Nicholas, Mom, Luke, Dad, Marsha, Grand Dad and GamMa

ZAK PERCHINSKY

Congratulations to you Zak, your friends, and the entire SPHS class of 2021!
Mom and Dad

JACK PETERSON:

Your accomplishments inside the classroom, on the field, and in our community are all things of which you should be proud. We know you will do GREAT things at Penn State and beyond. #WEARE so excited for this next chapter in your life and look forward to even more successes. Remember to always work hard, stay humble, and have fun!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Caroline

JAY PIERCE:

Jay, You are capable of WHATEVER you choose to do. So, reach for the stars!! Congratulations on completing this phase of your life. You nailed it!
Love, Mom, Dad, Athan and Owen

MYLES QUINONES:

We are so very proud of you and cannot wait to see where your talents will take you at JWU and beyond! The sky is the limit B! Congratulations on your graduation! We love you!
Mom, Dad & Kylan

FEATURES

HUNTER ROBERTS:

Congratulations Hunter. We are so proud of all your high school successes. We can't wait to cheer for you at Mitchell College basketball next year. All good things ahead!

Mom, Dad & Kate

HANNAH ROEMER:

Hannah, Congratulations! We are so proud of you! We can't wait to see what your future holds at Arizona State University!

Mom, Dad, Kaitlyn & Kona

KAITLYN ROEMER:

Kaitlyn, Congratulations! We are so proud of you! We can't wait to for you to start your adventures at College of Charleston!

Mom, Dad, Hannah & Kona

ELIZABETH BOROS:

You're a beautiful young lady! You made it! We are so happy for you-Go Blue Hens!

Love Mom & Anna

JAKE SPIELMAN:

Congratulations! We are proud of you and we know you'll do great next year too. Your future is so bright!

<3 Mom, Dad, and Abby

KAILA STASULLI:

Kaila - We are incredibly proud of you. We are excited to watch you shine in Jacksonville. Phins Up! Love you bunches. Mahal kita!

Mom, Dad, Bailey, Faith, and Falyn

LYLA TOOMEY:

Congratulations Ly! We are so very proud of the kind-hearted, selfless friend, compassionate human, and amazing daughter that you are.

Continue to shine! Love you so much!

Mom and Dad

JAKE WHITLOCK:

Wow, that certainly went by too fast. What a wild adventure it's been! Work hard and don't ever give up. We love you and are truly proud of you.

Dad, Mom, Luke & Abbey

JAKE WHITLOCK:

As you step out on your own, remember one thing: I'll stalk you if I don't hear from you. (Kidding! Enjoy every moment at UMD.)

Mother

JAYVYN WOOD:

! Determined, Dedicated, Destined, Dreams. You rose above many obstacles. Triumphed wholeheartedly in more ways than one. An epic ending to the beginning of your legacy. The reality in realm of all possibilities. Is you, my son Jayvyn Brenden Wood. Severna Park High School Class of 2021

Love, Blessings, Peace, and Pride, Mom

BENJAMIN VAN BRUNT:

We are very proud of all of your accomplishments and graduating as a fellow Falcon! We know that you will continue to soar as you continue your journey.

Mor, Far, & Jason

CALEB ZYVOLOSKI:

Congratulations! You made it. We're so proud of you and we can't wait to see how you grow as an EMT.

Mom, Dad, Ian, Lucas & Amrah

WHAT SHOULD I BRING? NECESSITIES FOR DORMS

A checklist to help get you set up at your college campus.

Zoey Nichols | Staff Writer

Congratulations to the class of 2021. Transitioning to college can be a stressful time, but with this list, you can be move-in ready with a little preparation.

BED COVER AND SHEETS

Many people in the past have slept on these beds and recommend bringing a mattress cover and fresh sheets. A mattress topper is optional, but also highly recommended.

POWER STRIP WITH SURGE PROTECTOR

This will allow your electronics to stay safe in the event of a power surge. Most dorms come with only a few outlets, so it is a good idea to bring a power strip for extra room to charge your devices.

LAUNDRY BASKET

As an easy way to transport your clothing to a community laundry room, a basket is a necessity. They even make fabric laundry baskets with straps so you can wear it like a backpack.

STORAGE ITEMS

Dorm rooms are notoriously small, so bringing fabric bins and raising your bed are good ways to maximize your limited space.

COMMAND HOOKS

These are easy to pull down and won't damage your walls. Use them to hang your backpack or keys.

SCISSORS

Something you may forget, but you use them more than you think.

UTILITY CART

A utility cart is a nice way to organize your daily items in an accessible manner.

FIRST AID KIT

You never know when you will need a bandaid or Neosporin.

REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

Not only is it better for the environment, but it will cut down on the cost of buying bottled water.

CLOSET ORGANIZER

A closet organizer is a perfect way to keep all your clothes neat and out of the way while also helping to maximize your limited space.

UMBRELLA

Running between classes across the campus from one another in the rain isn't fun, so make sure to bring an umbrella.

BATH TOTE AND SHOWER SHOES

Having all of your products together in a bag makes this much easier and allows for flexibility. Shower shoes will protect you from the germs that come with using a community bathroom.

CLASS OF 2021: THE CLASS OF RESILIENCE

Looking back at the class of 2021's perseverance in the face of the Coronavirus.

Zachary McGrath | Staff Writer

It has been 15 months since the whole world shut down and the pandemic hit Severna Park. Through Google Meets, Jamboards and awkward break-out rooms we all soldiered on. We now come to the end of the class of 2021's journey. The class of 2020 received much-deserved recognition and congratulations for their perseverance in the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the class of 2021 deserves the same amount of recognition, if not more. While many may be disappointed by the of prom and the uncertain future of graduation, the class of 2021 should be proud of how they handled and reacted to the hand they were dealt.

What makes the class of 2021's journey so inspiring is their resilience. They stood tall in the face of a tall mountain of obstacles and stress. They had to make a complete 180 turn from in-person learning to a completely untested and unused format of virtual learning. While this hit all students across Severna Park High School, the class of 2021 had to contend with online learning while taking on Junior year, the most academically challenging and crucial year of high school. Not to mention the confusion and challenges that came along with taking all their AP tests online. While virtual learning was difficult, the class of 2021 also had many extracurricular activities and sports canceled or

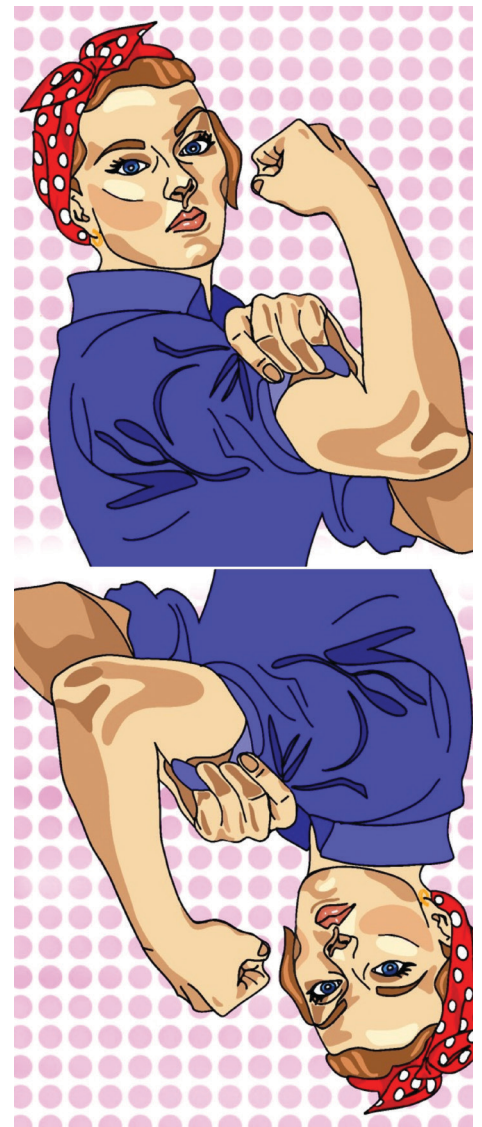
reduced. Most prominent of these were Rock and Roll Revival, Winter Sports, and the Washington Area Model United Nations Conference.

While it would have been easy for the class of 2021 to accept the state the world was in and do nothing about it, they found ways to make as many things as possible work while keeping everyone safe. The class of 2021 found creative ways to hold extracurriculars online: from an online Rock and Roll Revival, to club meetings held over Google Meet. Eventually, students were able to return to school and have sports seasons. Albeit with a limited season, all of the Severna Park teams brought their best and did well during the fall season. Miraculously, through the efforts of all students, spearheaded by the class of 2021, many extracurriculars and sports were able to be as normal as possible in the most abnormal year in our lifetimes.

This year and last year have been disappointing for many, but the class of 2021 made the best of it and succeeded in that effort. Unfortunately, their time at Severna Park is coming to an end and they must look to the future with uncertainty. Even though there is uncertainty about tomorrow, the resilience they exhibited when working through the Pandemic will almost certainly help them through the uncertain near future and beyond. Keep on going

class of 2021 and make Severna Park proud.

Much like Rosie herself, the class of 2021 has taken on each challenge an obstacle with grace. Graphic by: Maggie Krejci



FLY ON FALCONS!



Here's some advice to take with you on the adventures that await.

Anastasia Gobot | Staff Writer

Seniors are facing one of the greatest fears known to mankind, the unknown. Fortunately, the gracious teachers at SPSHS have put together pieces of knowledge they themselves have picked up along the way to hopefully guide those who need it.

MAKING MISTAKES AND HAVING REGRETS ARE INEVITABLE BUT THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS FORGIVE YOURSELF TO MOVE ON.

English teacher Jake Vickery advised not forget to take care of your relationships as well. Hold people accountable when they do you wrong because you deserve better.

"I think the most important thing is not to define yourself by the people in your life. Whether it's college or the 'real world,' there will always be people who are stuck in that middle school mentality we all hated," teacher Christina Bowman said. "You get to define you. And you're pretty awesome. And if someone doesn't see that, it's okay to find someone who does."

SELF-CARE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS MAKE UP ONLY A PART OF LIVING LIFE. TAKE RISKS AND BE EAGER TO LEARN.

"Please remember that your life is a journey — try not to be so focused on the 'destination' that you forget to enjoy the ride. You've barely begun, and I promise that high school will be a distant vague memory someday," Dr. Barbara Segnatelli said. "Be happy for others' successes and take no joy in others' struggles."

IF YOU'RE DEAD SET ON A CERTAIN GOAL OR YOU JUST WANT TO TRY NEW THINGS, GO FOR IT. HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND MAKE MISTAKES.

Social Studies teacher Mark

Haring said that so many are too focused on perfection and end up not stepping out of their comfort zone.

"Going forward, remember that the only two questions you need to answer every day is who you are and who you want to become," Vickery said. "Relate deeply with all the people [you] meet along the way, do new things no matter how uncomfortable they make you, as it is likely those things that will cause the greatest growth. Avoid a singular path and travel many roads."

LEARNING DOESN'T STOP AFTER GRADUATION OR EVEN AFTER COLLEGE. YOUR BRAIN CONSTANTLY TAKES IN NEW INFORMATION EVERYDAY.

"Knowing things in advance would take away the possibilities. Sometimes, when our eyes are open to the side and not straight ahead, we see an opportunity we never even thought about or thought was possible. Those are the most meaningful moments," Vickery said.

KNOWLEDGE IS A VALUABLE THING AND WHAT WE DO WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE IS MOST VALUABLE.

Tech Ed teacher Brad Hill and Segnatelli both encourage that you work to live, and not live to work.

"I usually tell my seniors what my favorite professor told me. You graduate and they give you a piece of paper, but it's about what you do with the piece of paper that matters," Bowman said. "Will you use it to benefit others? To take care of people? Because that's what we're here for. We're supposed to make someone else's life better — no matter what we major in or path we take. We make people's lives better or really, what's the point?"

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR TIME IN COLLEGE. MAKE THE EXPERIENCE WORTH IT.

"Never listen to anyone who says 'you can't do that' with your academic program. Just because there's a specific path your college wants you to go down doesn't mean you can't find a way to make it work better for your interests. They tell you two majors won't work together? Take summer classes and get it to fit. Work the system and learn all the things," Bowman said. "It's the one time in your life you get to learn things just to learn them. Take a class because it's fun. Take a whole major because it's interesting."

REMEMBER WHEN DEVELOPING YOUR FUTURE, DO THE BEST WITH WHAT YOU HAVE AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT.

"Practice being professional in everything you do, you never know when you're making a potential contact with someone that will give you an opportunity," Hill said. "[And] learn to budget. Never spend more than you have and do not get caught up in debt. You can do that by keeping a running tab on any credit card. Check it online daily to make sure you're being charged correctly and that you have the money to cover the charge."

THE FUTURE REALLY IS EXCITING AND IF YOU DON'T THINK IT IS, MAKE IT SO. IT'S ALL UP TO YOU FROM HERE ON OUT, BUT IF YOU EVER NEED GUIDANCE, REACH OUT TO A TRUSTED ADULT, FAMILY MEMBER OR JUST SOMEONE YOU TRUST. YOU CAN ALSO REACH OUT TO YOUR TEACHERS TOO OF COURSE.

"Expect the unexpected. I see a lot of students who have their plan," Haring said. "Be flexible and learn to roll with the punches."

COVID EFFECTED THE SENIOR YEAR EXPERIENCE

COVID changed many things, one of the major things is the senior year experience.

Julia Owens | Staff Writer

COVID has undoubtedly altered many aspects of life for high schoolers, one being the senior year, a time that many people look forward to throughout their high school career. The senior year has been portrayed in movies as a year to enjoy your final times as a high school student, and a valuable time to enjoy your childhood before you enter into the real world and college.

People look forward to their senior year for different reasons, most being the several celebration events that occur. Senior Madi Radike described in further detail the reasons she anticipated going into senior year. “There are a lot of things to look forward to like prom, graduation, and all of the other senior activities,” Radike said.

Senior Darek Redmond was looking forward to “having fun, making memories, going to school, and hanging out with friends.” For him, COVID and virtual learning “gave him a chance to step back and figure things out,” Redmond said.

One noticeable benefit of senior year is the half schedule, seniors normally take 2 to 3 classes and then head home. Now the half schedule seems useless because seniors are already home when school is let out. When senior Sean Foreman was a freshman at SPHS he

was “looking forward to having two classes, playing sports, and working a job during senior year.” He said that he is “taking two classes in the morning but really had nothing else to do for the rest of the day.”

The Falcon sports teams also had to get creative to have their sports seasons. For example, the football season is usually in the fall but this year it is being completed in the spring. “High school is getting a little closer to being normal because sports are back, but it is weird that football season is happening a

few weeks before baseball season,” Foreman said.

Prom is one of the major aspects of senior year that most students look forward to but it was also affected by COVID. There will still be an improvised prom taking place at a beach in Pasadena that was put together by parents and the community. “It’s good that something is happening, but it won’t be the same prom experience,” Radike said.

*The varsity football team stays socially distanced as much as they can. They wear their masks and remain socially distanced during the national anthem before the games.
Photo by Eric Shadowens*



EDUCATION IN EXERCISE

Senior athletes that will go on to continue their academic and collegiate careers next year.

Sophie Krejci | Editor-In-Chief



Jack Muldoon plays soccer in the fall and runs for the Severna Park Track and Field Team in the winter and spring. He has committed to Davidson College in North Carolina for their track team and strenuous academics. “The main reason I chose Davidson was the academics, while the experienced coaches and tight knit team were definitely attractive, the education was what set Davidson apart,” Muldoon said. Courtesy of Jack Muldoon.

JACK MULDOON

Jack Muldoon is a senior who competes in soccer and track. He has decided to commit to Davidson College for track but more importantly the rigorous academics. Davidson is a Division I, liberal arts school in North Carolina with an undergraduate size of just under two thousand. “...education was what set Davidson apart. I intend to major in political science and minor in economics on the pre-law path,” Muldoon said. While on the pursuing law, Muldoon will continue to run a speedy 4:27 mile in the NCAA.

JAKE GELFAND

Jake Gelfand has been a cross country and track runner since freshman year. In the upcoming 2021 fall season Gelfand has committed to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. “My best event is the 2 mile,” Gelfand said. At his most recent indoor 2-mile race Jake finished at an astonishing 9:18 according to MileSplit Maryland. Unfortunately, during the Covid-19 pandemic, many factors made choosing a school harder for the 2021 graduates. “What attracted me to the school was the [great team] and I really clicked with the coach,” Gelfand said. When he attends the university in the fall, not only is Gelfand running against some of the most competitive Division I, Ivy League athletes, but he also plans to major in bio-engineering.

HAILEY BETCH

Hailey Betch has been a tri-sport athlete all four years of high school. Recently, she decided to go to St. Mary’s College of Maryland to pursue her passion for lacrosse. A small liberal arts college on the St. Mary’s River, the school is well regarded as a National Public Honors College. “I was really attracted to the beautiful waterfront campus and my... supportive coach,” Betch said. Playing at a Division III level, Betch also plans to major in business marketing. During the pandemic, Betch had some difficulties choosing which school was her best fit. “Covid did take a hit in the recruiting process and slowed it down but in the end it gave me more time to really think about which school was the best fit for me,” Betch said.

KAILA STASULLI

Kaila Stasulli has known where she wants to play lacrosse for a long time and committed before the start of the pandemic. “I am going to Jacksonville University to play [Division I] lacrosse,” Stasulli said. Jacksonville University is a private university on the Northeast Coast of Florida. Jacksonville is known for its beautiful waterfront and dedicated students. “I intend to major in biology or health sciences and go to dentistry school after college,” Stasulli said. Stasulli continued to emphasize the close-knit team and their coaches and is excited to become part of a new lacrosse family.

Kaila Stasulli will soon be on her way to Jacksonville University. She has been playing lacrosse for the high school all four years and intends to continue that at Jacksonville! “The team is like one big family and the coaches are amazing,” Stasulli said. Courtesy of Kaila Stasulli.



COLLEGE BOUND

A brief look at the senior women athletes playing a sport in college next year.

Nick Carparelli | Editor-In-Chief

Playing a sport as a young kid and in high school is a time that individuals will remember for a lifetime. However, only seven percent of high school athletes will go on to play college athletics. Sports are a way to bring people together, bring happiness and the biggest of all, having people of all different backgrounds and interests, come and work together to achieve one common goal of winning. These players work hard, are determined, and continue to be resilient, so they can continue their sport in the next chapter of their lives.



Senior Olivia Nicholson clearing the ball out of their own territory. Nicholson was named a captain for this season for her resiliency and leadership. "I've never been happier, my senior year got turned around now that we have our season," Nicholson said. Courtesy of Olivia Nicholson

OLIVIA NICHOLSON

Nicholson is on the girls soccer team and plays defense. She and along with the rest of the soccer team have felt the impact of Covid-19 and were concerned at the start of the season that their senior athletic year might be in jeopardy. "At first it was horrible and I fell into a pretty bad depression," Nicholson said. "Even though the times are tough, I now get to see my best friends every day, play the sport I love and compete everyday." Nicholson will be attending Eastern University in the fall and chose the school because of its individuality. "Basically everything revolves around soccer and lacrosse," Nicholson said. "Each team supports each other and shows up to every game." She plans on double majoring in criminal justice and political science.

ELLA RAINES

Raines is also on the girls soccer team and plays forward. Raines has viewed the pandemic in a positive way.



Ella Raines looking to cross the ball into the middle of the field for a shot opportunity. Raines and the SP girls soccer team have high hopes this season. "I'm just thankful I get to play during the pandemic as some people don't have the same opportunity I have right now," Raines said. Courtesy of Ella Raines.

"Traveling to different tournaments earlier in the year was a mess because lots of teams got Covid and contact tracing," Raines said. But I felt grateful in that I got to play during the pandemic where some people couldn't." Raines will attend St. Mary's College of Maryland in the fall and chose the school because of its size. "The community is so great since it's a smaller school, the teachers actually know who you are," Raines said. She plans on majoring in either biology or psychology.

KAT ESPOSITO

Esposito was a part of the field hockey team in which she scored the winning goal in the 2020 state championship game. Due to the season being played in the spring, she decided to opt out of this year as there were other things on her mind. "Playing for the school this spring wasn't going to work out for me mainly because of the short notice given by the county and made everything wishy washy," Esposito said. However she is very excited to play next year, as she committed to Washington College last fall. "I chose it because it offers a lot of environmental opportunities and it is on the water," Esposito said. She is undecided on what to major at the moment but is leaning towards history or environmental studies.



Senior Kat Esposito moving the ball up field in a game last fall. Esposito will continue her field hockey career at Washington College next fall. "The team culture and competitiveness is what drew me to picking Washington over others," Esposito said. Courtesy of Kat Esposito

“Happiness can be found in the
darkest of times, if one only
remembers to turn on the light.”

“Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”

Nick Carraway III

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