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Dear St. HOPE Class of 2020 Scholars and Families,

Congratulations on making it to the end of your last quarter as a high school scholar! We only have 2.5 weeks left of this school year! You are so close to officially concluding your high school career and transitioning to the next chapter in your adventure! We have been working hard as a team to get creative under these situations and plan an end-of-year graduation celebration that we hope is meaningful for each and every one of you. I am excited to be able to share the details of our end-of-year events in this letter!

**SIGNING DAY-** Thank you to many of you that have created and submitted short videos of yourself declaring the college you will be matriculating to in the fall! We are in the process of compiling these videos to make a tribute to all of you and your accomplishments on making it to college! This video will be shared with you on our regularly scheduled signing day on Friday, May 29th!

**CAP AND GOWN PICKUP-** On Wednesday, May 27th from 10:00am-12:00pm we will be hosting our annual Cap and Gown pick-up. On this day all scholars are invited to come to the front of Sacramento Charter High School in their vehicles to pick up their Cap and Gown. We will also be turning this into a pre-graduation celebration! We invite you all to add decorations to your cars in the spirit of celebrating your forthcoming graduation, similar to the way you would deck out your cap and gown. We will be having a friendly competition and giving three prizes out for the top three decorated vehicles! You will pull up to the front of Sac High, entering off of Y Street and staff members will be there to deliver your materials to you. In addition to receiving your Cap and Gown, we have a personalized surprise gift that we are very excited to give to each of you! Jostens will also be present with a limited supply of caps and gowns in case you have any last-minute purchases to make! The last date to order your cap and gown online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) is May 22nd.

**GRADUATION-** We are going to be pre-filming our graduation ceremony and pushing it out to our families at our regularly scheduled time on Saturday, June 6th at 7:30pm. In planning for this, it was really important for us to preserve the traditional rite of passage of graduates crossing the stage and receiving their diploma. We are going to invite scholars to come to The Guild Theater in Oak Park at a specific date and time with their advisory. This will ensure that scholars remain in small groups of only 9-16 scholars. We will then have scholars participate in a mini portion of the ceremony where their name will be called, they will cross the stage, receive their diploma and take their graduation cap and gown photo. We will be putting together the different portions of our filming to create a fluid ceremony. Then, you will be able to enjoy watching the ceremony and celebrating your scholar from the comfort and safety of your home! We will ensure that proper cleaning and sanitization will take place and that social distancing is maintained the entire time in The Guild Theater. If for any reason you do not feel comfortable participating, please know that this is optional and we respect your decision.

Please see below for the time and date for your specific Advisory. **I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for you to be on time so that you do not miss your opportunity.** We do not have room to run behind as we need to complete each advisory before beginning the next so that we are very careful with minimizing the amount of individuals that will be present inside The Guild Theater at the same time. Families or additional individuals are not permitted inside The Guild Theater. The only individuals inside will be the scholars from one advisory and a small group of Sacramento Charter High School staff. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate additional individuals as we must keep the number of individuals to as few as possible to ensure we are following social distancing protocols. Thank you for your understanding!

Advisor	Date/Time Of Graduation Filming
Mrs. Alston	Tuesday, June 2nd from 9:00am-9:30am
Ms. Buenrostro	Tuesday, June 2nd from 10:00am-10:30am
Mr. Dash	Tuesday, June 2nd from 11:00am-11:30am
Ms. Lawrence	Tuesday, June 2nd from 1:00pm-1:30pm
Mr. Love	Wednesday, June 3rd from 9:00am-9:30am
Ms. Massari	Wednesday, June 3rd from 10:00am-10:30am
Ms. Shelton	Wednesday, June 3rd from 11:00am-11:30am
Mr. Shetty	Wednesday, June 3rd from 1:00pm-1:30pm
Ms. Stamas	Wednesday, June 3rd from 2:00pm-2:30pm

Scholars should dress and prepare for their filming at The Guild Theater just as they would for their actual Graduation ceremony! Scholars must wear their Cap and Gown over their clothing. This is your time to shine!

### Dress Attire

#### Males:

- Collared shirt
- Slacks
- Dress shoes

#### Not permitted:

- Shorts
- Jeans
- T-shirts
- Flip flops (shoes MUST have a back)

#### Females:

- Dress/skirt OR slacks and dress shirt
- Appropriate hosiery
- Dress shoes

**GRADUATION VIDEO-** As you know, last Monday, May 11th, we put out a request to our Senior Class to film a video of themselves doing a little dance. This video is a Sac High tradition and always plays at the conclusion of our graduation ceremony. **These videos as well as the baby pictures are now past due. Please submit by Thursday, May 21st or we unfortunately will not be able to include you in the video as we must begin the editing process to finish in time.** I'm including the directions for the video again.

**Then and Now Video for Graduation Directions:**

1. Background: Stand in front of a solid background.
2. In Frame: Scholar from the waist up and solid background only. It is important that you are recording from a distance that only captures your waist and up so that your body fills the frame more than your surrounding does.
3. Lighting: Have lighting in front of you, not behind you. Your friends and family want to see YOU, not a huge glare.
4. Attire: Professional Dress, College wear, or Class of 2020 Shirt (yes, you will need to reshoot your video if your attire doesn't follow these guidelines).
5. What to record: Be proud, smile, do a little dance, strike a few poses or wave to your family and friends through the camera. **Your video needs to be 6 seconds long!** Note: There will be music playing over these videos instead of the recorded audio.
6. Save Video and email to **aperez@sachigh.org** with your full first and last name.
7. **Check back in your email after sending me your video. I will let you know that it was received or if you need to reshoot.**

**DIPLOMA PICK-UP-** Diplomas will be available for pick-up from the Sac High front office from 8am-4pm Monday, June 8th- Wednesday, June 10th.

**SENIOR TRIP-** USA student travel has communicated that they are in process of issuing refunds for the Senior Trip that had to be canceled due to COVID-19. If you need to reach them for any reason, please contact (916)939-6805.

**TRANSFERING END OF YEAR TRANSCRIPTS TO COLLEGES** - Please ensure you have accurately identified the college you will be attending in the fall in Naviance. Ms. Lawrence will be sending them your finalized transcripts via the university's preferred method. If your information is not correct, the correct college will not receive your transcript.

**MICROCOLLEGE- One year of college at no cost, with support!** Seniors who are interested in attending MicroCollege, please visit [microcollege.info](http://microcollege.info) for information.

I hope this letter has been informative and leaves you feeling very excited about the conclusion of your Senior year! We cannot wait to see you all at your Cap and Gown pickup!

Sincerely,  
Kari Wehrly