

# ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY SENIOR TRIBUTE

CELEBRATING  
THE CLASS OF  
2020





# ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY

Headmaster Tom Lovett

## SENIOR TRIBUTE

Dear Members of the Class of 2020,

As is the case each year, the faculty and staff spend much of May recounting your virtues as members of the graduating class. These accolades are both collective—praising the whole class—and individual—recognizing you for a whole array of good things: outstanding performances, generosity, goodness, friendliness, resilience, service, leadership, and genuine enthusiasm for the good of the school. As a result, dozens upon dozens of you will receive awards during Commencement Weekend.

Of course, your class has already been celebrated for many accomplishments:

- You have been part of 17 state championship teams—the most of any class ever—and amassed dozens of individual state championships, all without a final spring season. Several other state championships were missed by just a couple of points.
- You have kept up the tradition of brilliant and impressive Capstones, resulting in transformative discoveries, creations, and service projects.
- You can boast of National Merit Scholars, AP Scholars, and Skills USA medalists.
- You led math teams to national prominence and best-in-Vermont performances.
- You can boast of two 1000-point scorers (the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in school history) and a Gatorade Player of the Year in basketball, a Vermont Hall of Fame athlete in football, and a 200-win wrestler, who is also the second Vermont wrestler to win four state titles in four different weight classes.
- You earned 35 Scholastic Art Awards, including six best-in-Vermont awards and one national award.
- You can boast of a public speaking champion, an All-New-England Music Festival selection, and the New England Magic Champion.

- You helped us regain the title of Vermont State Champion in the We the People competition.
- You can boast of two creative writers who won Vermont Scholastic Creative Writing awards, and two others who received awards in the Vermont Young Playwrights Competition, one whose play was selected to be performed by professional actors at the annual festival.
- You have six members of your class who were named Vermont Scholars, and your array of post-secondary plans and college acceptances is among the most impressive in recent memory.
- And then there is simply your grit, resilience, good effort, and good spirit as we all struggled through these last months.

As I think over the course of this year, I have some vivid memories:

I remember the enthusiasm with which your student leaders—in all areas of the school—jumped into Orientation and welcomed the Class of 2023 and all newcomers. I also remember how generous you were to the Freshmen during their singing of the Alma Mater!

I remember the energy of Spirit Week, the fun of decorating your Colby Hall hallway, your skit and float, and especially your singing along with Tommy and the Lovettes during Pep Chapel.

I remember how warmly you welcomed Dr. Howell when she was announced as the next headmaster, Colby Switser just about jumping out of his seat to lead the standing ovation.

I remember how blown away I was by the talent in the cast and crew of *The Little Mermaid*—not only the acting and singing, but the dancing and choreography, and the set design and lighting. The play was magical, and I went twice it was so good!

I remember all of the exciting sports moments, losing my voice as we saw some of the most impressive athletes in school history compete, and I remember the creative and unflagging spirit of our student section led by you.

I remember beautiful performances in concerts by soloists and ensembles, and then some fun selections that made me want to dance in my seat.

And I remember Sergio's magic tricks, which still blow my mind, and many live acts that made me laugh or moved me.

I also remember the hard days—mourning the death of Mr. O'Farrell, the personal struggles and tragedies many of you faced, and then our sudden closure and grieving the loss of seasons, performances, opportunities, traditions, and time together.

But more than anything else, I hold onto the little moments that will mark my last year with your class. The music in Chapel in the morning that might cause us to break out in a sing-a-long or some dance moves. The fist bumps and yells of "TLove" in the hallways. The pushing through pain—both emotional and physical—through tears—to achieve your goals. The closeness of so many groups of friends, teammates, members of cast and crew, members of ensembles and clubs, classmates and fellow advisees.

As I think back on all of this, I am amazed at God's goodness in making you my final senior class—the last one I will celebrate as headmaster. Almost all of you were born during my first year as headmaster, and now you are beginning a new stage of your life in my last year. These last few months are not the way any one of us imagined we would end our time together, and we all had dreams of something much better. But we are still here together. We have shared so much, and we have so much to be grateful for just because we have been here together. We have so much to celebrate because we are still here—alive together at this point in our lives—able to appreciate all that your class has brought to this community, this school, and each other.

And so, for all of your accomplishments, all of the memories, all of the small moments of goodness and closeness and love, all of the joy and sadness we have shared, I want to celebrate your class like no other. Congratulations, Class of 2020! Thank you for all you are and have been and will be! Godspeed!



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Matthew Racenet

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

To the Class of 2020,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on completing a major milestone in your life. Know that I am proud of you and proud of the way you handled this unique and ever-changing situation. The first thing I realized through this experience of school closing is how much I will miss you when you have moved on. I hope when you look back on your time here you remember the good times, the good friends, and the good moments that defined you as a class. I know that I will remember the times we smiled together, laughed together, and made mistakes together. You have impacted my life more than you will ever know and I know your advisors feel the same way. During my time as a teacher and a coach, I have had many special teams and classes. As a Dean, I know that you will hold a special place in my heart, and I will always remember your class. This was not the perfect vision I had in mind when we adopted that slogan in the Black Box. I thought I knew how this would feel as I prepared to see you receive your diplomas, spread your wings, and leave us. I had no idea. I feel joy and sadness, pride, and optimism. Nothing could have prepared me to see you graduate, but here we are and I could not be prouder than I am now.

Thinking back on our time together, I knew from the first day I met you that you would be unique. I can clearly remember each one of you dancing on Brantview lawn, and I knew your class would make an impact on our community and future. Some of my fondest memories of you as a class revolve around your ability to lead others for positive growth. Over the last four years, I have seen different members of the class rise to lead several groups on campus. Your leadership has taken different forms during this time. Not only are you willing and able to step into the limelight, but you are also willing to do the hard work in the background. Many of you are willing to be led even when in different circumstances you would be the one out front. That takes trust, respect, and faith. I have enjoyed working with you these

last four years; even though it hasn't always been easy, it has always been fun.

I know during graduation you're supposed to give words of encouragement and advice. The advice I have for you has not changed too much since the day we first met on Freshman Orientation Day. On that day, I gave you three things to focus on. Those things were respect, enthusiasm, and an open mind. I still feel those things are as important now, as they were then, and will be in your future. Each one of these values will help you transition to the next part of your life, just as they helped you transition into becoming a young adult entering high school.

Respect will open doors for you and help create meaningful relationships. One of the key goals for school is to establish meaningful relationships with people. Without respect, those relationships will never be given the chance to flourish. Life is all about relationships. Maintaining healthy,

happy, and respectful relationships with others will be one of the most important things you will do in your life.

Second, I want you to be enthusiastic. When you were freshmen, you interpreted that expectation as getting involved and being loud. Now, as you move into adulthood, I would like you to think about enthusiasm from a different perspective. I want you to look at it as finding your passion; finding what makes you feel alive; finding what makes you tick. It doesn't just have to be a job or career; it can also be a hobby. I want you to discover and do what you love.

Lastly, I want you to have an open mind. My message hasn't changed on this challenge; an open mind allows people to take risks. Risks lead to progress, change, and hope, but, an open mind can also lead to failure. If we, myself included, have not learned anything over the last four years except this, I hope that we have learned that failure is not a negative. Failure is a catalyst for growth. Now, I am not saying I wish for you to fail, but what I am saying is that I hope when you are faced with failure you meet it with an open mind and look for the opportunities that each failure will present. Your mind determines your reality, and when your mind is open, so too will be your heart.

I am excited to see who you will become. I wish you all nothing but the best, and I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments, your futures, and your lives.



Zoe Montague  
2020 Valedictorian



Han "Carrie" Zeng  
2020 Salutatorian



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Jordan Barbour



Anthony Barnett



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Morgan Belknap



Kaylin Benjamin



Andrew Benoit



Christopher Benton



Andrew Berrian



Katherine Blassingame



Luke Bogie



MacKay Breton



Michael Brink



Morgan Brown



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Trista Bujaucius



Dylon Bunnell



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Alexandra Corrow



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Madison Crown



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Corey Delworth



Natalie Deschamps



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Devon Drown



Rylee Drown



Morgan Eames



Shania Eastman



Ryan Egan



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Matthew Emerson



Chase Empsall



Austin Fenoff



Emmanuel Fernandez del  
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Charles Fisher



Kieran Fletcher



Gabrielle Flory



Kathleen Fogarty



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Jade Grime



Silas Gruber



Nicholas Guckin



Tucker Guilfoyle



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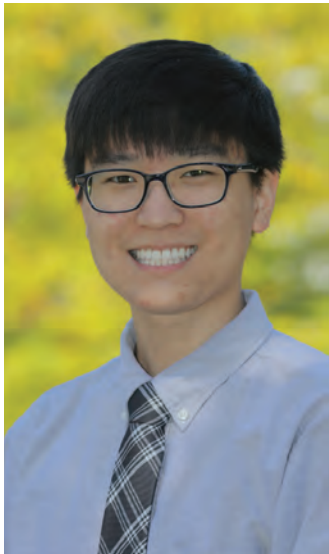
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Grace Ilsley-Greene



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Cody Jarels



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Kyle Johnson



Maxwell Jones



Darius Kapoukranidis



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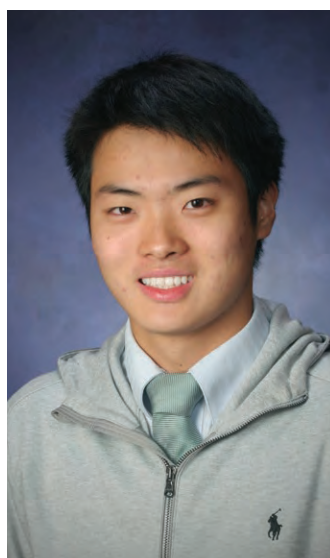
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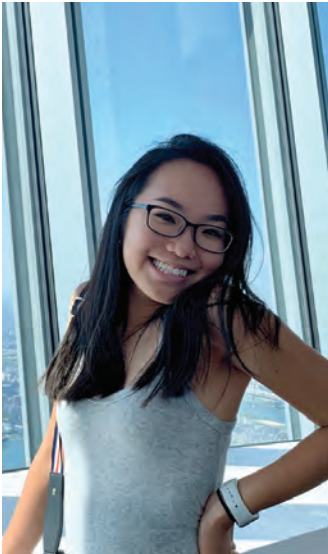
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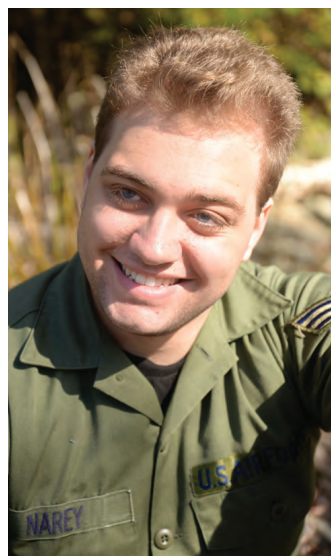
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Alexis Perkins



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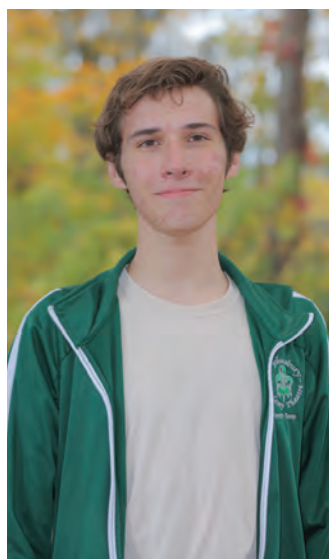
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Gareth Romp



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Mya Rae Rutledge



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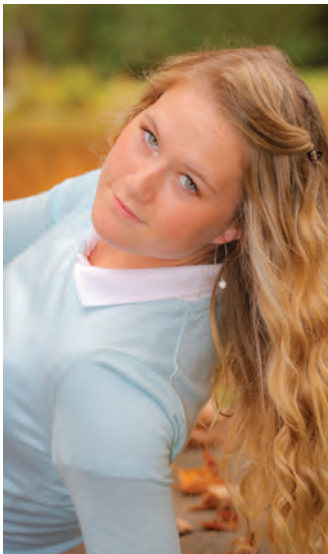
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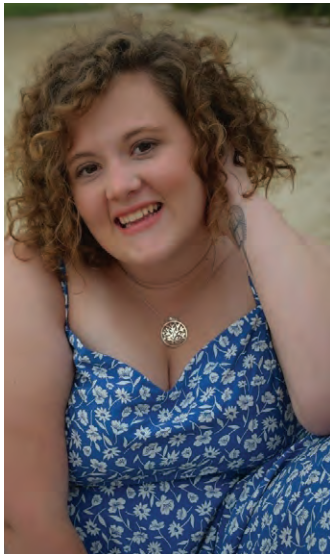
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Javier Serdio del Valle



Emma Sestito



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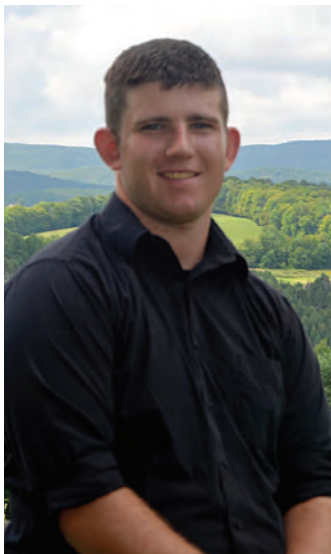
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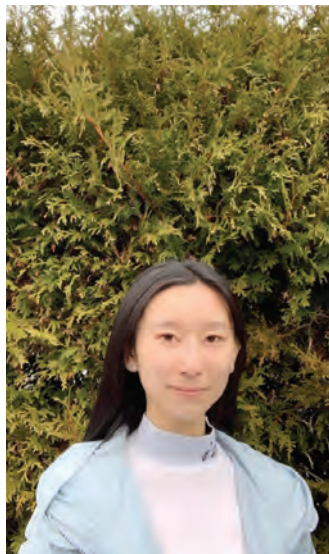
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Hunter Verge



Dylan Villeneuve



Joseph Vineyard



Gregory Vogel



Averill Wagner



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Muyao Wang



Logan Wendell



Isaiah Whitsett



Jaden Willey



Kyle Willey



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Liam Winski



Elijah Winters



James Wood



Jingyuan Xiao



Jiayi Xu



Yuka Yamasawa



Aini Yeskhozhina



Molly Young



Xingyu Zhang



Liang Zhao



Yiqi Zhao



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Weipeng Zhou



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 Majd Al Abas  
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 Alyssa Alger  
 Alissa An  
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 Caleb Anderson  
 Renee Audette  
 Ty Avery  
 Lane Baldauf  
 Jordan Barbour  
 Anthony Barnett  
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 Lydia Bushey  
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 Savannah Domingues  
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 Jin Wook Hong  
 Alexander Hooker  
 Jacinta Houde  
 Wilder Hudson  
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 Daegan Ignjatovic  
 Grace Ilsley-Greene  
 Sung Woo Jang  
 Cody Jarels  
 Cole Jefferson  
 An Jiang  
 Cesar Jimenez Garza  
 Kyle Johnson  
 Maxwell Jones  
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 Chatchaya Karnasuta  
 Yuma Kato  
 Kiana Keene  
 Chaemin Kim  
 Emma Kinerson  
 Matheu King  
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 Erik Kong  
 Zhasmin Kuatova  
 Isabella Kurtgis



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 Brian Lamar  
 Troy Lamont  
 Marc Lamontagne  
 Aaron Langmaid  
 Gwendolyn Lantagne  
 Grace Larocque  
 Sydney Lavoie  
 Tri Minh Le  
 Lilly Leach  
 Zachary Lemieux  
 Audrey Lewis  
 Raymond Lewis  
 Junle Li  
 Tianrui Li  
 Logan Limoges  
 Yinan Lin  
 Jose Losada Lopez Schummer  
 Yichen Lu  
 Trevor Lunnie  
 Anna Lyons  
 Angelica MacKenzie  
 Allison Maher  
 Danierys Martinez Hernandez  
 Takahiro Matsumoto  
 Michael McQuillan  
 Isabella Mertens  
 Matthew Monaghan  
 Zoe Montague  
 Moriah Mooney  
 Lucas Mori  
 Abby Morris  
 Tobias Morton  
 Alysia Moses  
 Josephine Moulton  
 Bryce Nadeau  
 Anzhelika Nastashchuk  
 Komachi Nomizu  
 William Norwood  
 Margo O'Keefe

Katherine Ota  
 Natpugit Pakseubzin  
 Hunter Palmieri  
 Yifeng Pan  
 Delaney Payeur  
 Alexis Perkins  
 Liam Pickard  
 Maxwell Poulin  
 Jeremy Reardon  
 Garrett Rice  
 Makyla Rich  
 Madison Riggie  
 Bailey Rinaldi  
 Ann Roberts  
 Autumn Roberts  
 Olivia Robinson  
 Piper Rolfe  
 Gareth Romp  
 Cody Rowell  
 Jonathan Roy  
 Jericho Rutledge  
 Mya Rae Rutledge  
 Curtis Saffo  
 Jon Sahatciu  
 Pakhawatt Sahawat  
 Jimmy Salen  
 Naya Sanborn  
 Shane Sandvil  
 Nathan Sandvil  
 Sergio Sastre  
 Kayla Scharf  
 Javier Serdio del Valle  
 Emma Sestito  
 Pema Sherpa  
 Hannah Silver  
 Khyri Simons  
 Maelley Singer  
 Brandon Smith  
 Leah Smith  
 Karolina Snejdarova

Noah Sorin  
 Brette Stone  
 Mikaela Strzempko  
 Dylan Sullivan  
 Colby Switzer  
 Samuel Sylvain  
 Kayla Talbot  
 Kiichi Tanabe  
 Ken Tanaka  
 Xin Tang  
 Sparta Thurber  
 Konrad Tillman  
 Reis Towle  
 Cao Minh Trung Tran  
 Hunter Verge  
 Dylan Villeneuve  
 Joseph Vineyard  
 Gregory Vogel  
 Averill Wagner  
 Kennedy Wagner  
 Muyao Wang  
 Logan Wendell  
 Isaiah Whitsett  
 Jaden Willey  
 Kyle Willey  
 Rudolph Wilson  
 Liam Winski  
 Elijah Winters  
 James Wood  
 Jingyuan Xiao  
 Jiayi Xu  
 Yuka Yamasawa  
 Aini Yeskhozina  
 Molly Young  
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