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Congratulations Taft 7–12 Class of 2020

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Dear Class of 2020,

On behalf of the Taft 7-12 staff, we would like to say, "CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2020." Over the years at Taft, it has been wonderful to see all of you grow into the people you are today. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. The class of 2020 will forever be remembered.

Even though your senior year has not been traditional, do not let these negative experiences define who you are. In the past few months of your senior year, you have lost out on many experiences. While we cannot give these experiences back to you, our wish is that you will allow these losses to make you more compassionate, to have empathy when things do not go as planned, and to be resilient in the face of adversity. Our hope is you learn to go with the flow and find the silver lining in even the most unfortunate of circumstances. Our advice is to try new things, and take advantage of the opportunities that come your way. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The only person you are destined to become, is the person you decide to be."

As you close this chapter in your life, you begin a new chapter that will lead to new challenges, experiences and opportunities. You have the creativity and determination to do whatever you can dream. We hope you feel both proud and confident in your ability to rise to your next challenge. Along your journey, always remember to never stop learning and growing. From all of us at Taft 7-12, we wish you the best.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2020! Remember, once a TIGER always a TIGER!



Nick Lupo Principal



Maddy Anderson Assistant Principal



Matt Hilgers Athletic Director/ Assistant Principal



Nick Lupo Maddy Anderson Matt Hilgers

GRADUATION 2020



Students posed for pictures as they were greeted by a life-size cardboard cutout of Principal Nick Lupo on stage at the graduation ceremony. Pictured is Tony Garcia.



The drive up graduation ceremony featured many unique vehicles as families were limited to one per family. The family and friends of Autumn Ellis piled into a trailer to watch her walk on the graduation stage.



Estib Hernandez awaits in his car with family for his queue to head on stage at the graduation ceremony.



Autumn Ellis proudly displays her high school diploma at the graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION 2020



Students took turns stopping by various booths at graduation where they received gifts, signed cards and posed for pictures. Pictured is Kealy Boyd.

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Class Motto: "We cannot discover new oceans unless we have the courage to lose sight of the shore"

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Song: "Forever Young" - Alphaville

Class Color: Green





2020

June 6, 2020 Taft High 7-12









MUSIC/DRAMA

Music is Instrumental hosts two-day fundraiser at Salishan Resort

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Giving students the gift of music education is what Music is Instrumental is all about. On Feb. 21-22, the local non-profit hosted a two-day musical fundraiser at Salishan Resort.

Taft 7-12 has been a big beneficiary of the Music is Instrumental program. Principal Nick Lupo has watched the evolution of the Studio to School/MII program and its effects on kids over the past five years.

"At the end of the first year of having music in 2015, assessment data revealed that reading and mathematics scores tended to be higher for the 65 students who chose sixth-grade band," Lupo said. "Knowing that all students could benefit, we required that the next year all 122 students take band in sixth grade. It was an easy decision to make in order to benefit all students."

Oceanlake Elementary Principal Sandy Mummey notes a similar impact on their students in kindergarten through second grade.

"Research shows that students who are exposed to music have increased attendance and do better on academic assessments," Mummey said. "This year we have an increase in our regular attendance rate, and students are demonstrating in-

creased reading proficiency on district assessments."

Taff music director Mike Freel observes that out of the student body as a whole, many of the highest educational scoring students are in band, choir or both.

"This is a true testament to the ability of music to increase brain power and intelligence," Freel said. "Besides, band and choir are where all the fun happens."

On Feb. 21, the 16 member jazz band under the direction of Freel, kicked off the two-day event along with jazz artists Kate Morrison and David Captain. For more information about MII visit the website at www.musicisin-strumental.net.





To all my 2020 graduating seniors,

I could not be more proud of you all!

To Alani Cabal and Ana Marquis, thank you so much for your constant attention to detail. To Kai Wilson, thank you for your willingness to step up into any roll. To Megan Jansen, thank you for always bringing your dance abilities we so desperately needed! To Krysta Delugach, thank you for your amazingly strong voice and your laugh that made me roll my eyes and shake my head all the time! And finally to Jesse Rose, my ever present gentleman of stage. You have been with me the longest at 6 years on the Taft High stage. Thank you bringing your sassy attitude and devotion to each roll you took on and making it your own.

You have all been a joy to work with most of the time (insert eyeroll here) LOL, and I hope I have taught you a few things you will use in your future endeavors.

Thank you for all being YOU and thank you for always answering my question "Has anyone seen my daughter????"

The lights are dimmed for you now on the Taft High 7-12 stage but man alive did you make them shine!

Jennifer "Momma" Sparks Director of Musicals and Drama Class of 2020 7

MUSIC







Dear Music Seniors of 2020.

This year is definitely a year that will never be forgotten. Your senior year is a time to reflect on everything that has happened in your school career from kindergarten until now. What the world is going through right now is going to be a part of everyone's history and will always mark the year that you graduated.

I hope as you move forward in life that your time in band and choir has been full of growth, enjoyment, success, and friendship. Friends that you have made during your musical journey will be part of your life forever.

I hope to hear from each of you throughout your lives and watch you continue to grow into mature adults with successful careers and happy families. Always remember that learning music has taught you to appreciate music on a deep level and to learn how to be lifelong learners, problem solvers, and independent thinkers.

The things the Taft music program has accomplished in the last three years has been largely due to the consistent and enthusiastic work



from each and every one of you. We have set records together and changed the entire culture of music education in Lincoln City and you should be proud of what we have accomplished together.

Me and the entire music department will miss each and every one of you. Farewell senior class of 2020!

Mike Freel







Music is INSTRUMENTAL

Graduates,
we are so
proud of you!

CULINARY

Taft culinary students whisk, whip competition

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The Taft 7-12 school building may be closed, but that didn't stop the Taft High Culinary Program from competing in the annual SkillsUSA Oregon competition.

It also didn't seem to have much of an affect on their performance as multiple students took top honors.

This year's skills competition looked a bit different from year's past, as students participated virtually between April 23-27, depending on the type of competition. Competitions included interviews via video chat, others required some video recording of their work and/or talk about why they did something the way they did, and others were exams using the national technology standards.

The competition usually draws a large amount of participation from schools across the state, and this year, being virtual, Taft Culinary Instructor Julia Westbrook said it's hard to say how many schools and students competed this year.

"Some students and schools felt it was just "one more thing" with teaching online on their plate," Westbrook said. "However, overall there are 43 different chapters (or schools) that compete and are members each year."

For Taft, they had first place finishers in three separate categories. In Commercial Baking, Kira Anderson placed first. Then in Culinary Arts, Joe Russo was first and in Restaurant Service, Oscar Rodriguez took the top spot. Additionally, Leah Weitzel placed second in Cake Decorating and Bryanna Berlin was second in Commercial Baking.

"Each contest is different but they all have tech standards," Westbrook said. "All contests include academic standards such as those in math, language and science." Westbrook said although they were not able to do hands-on cooking because it would not be equitable or fair to every competitor, working from home did have an upside.

"Advantages were things like being in the comfort of their own home rather than in a new and unfamiliar environment with other students competing along with them. That can be quite stressful," Westbrook said. "Some disadvantages though are that even if we are able to use the national exams, it doesn't show everything a student is capable of and some students feel more stressed taking tests."

With several students receiving top honors, Westbrook said she is proud of how her students followed through with their goals.

"It's hard to tell how things go and I never have expectations other than that they finish what they started... And they know that is all I ask," Westbrook said. "I think it has to do with their character and follow through. That says a lot."

One of the reasons Taft 7-12 competes in the SkillsUSA each year is because the standards they judge by are the ones they use every day in the classroom, Westbrook says. Typically, the one thing they do prepare for is the recipes (if competing in a cooking-related contest and not leadership competition) and tweak them to what they think the recipe product should be.

They have chefs and alumni come in and support them by brainstorming some solutions or different versions to the recipes.

"We don't do anything extra to have an edge on other schools. I don't want to spend extra time on a competition when we have skills to learn," Westbrook said. "This does both organically and the students are always surprised when they read those standards near competition time. I think it brings them a sense of pride that they know these things."



To the culinary arts graduates of 2020,

I miss you. I'm always going to miss you. Not because you made things easy for me in fact, after a while I was bored!

You worked hard on some projects without much guidance besides some brainstorming ideas or solutions together. You have been someone I could count on, trust to mentor the other culinary students, and (for some) even demo a recipe or two for freshmen students.

When I heard we would not return, my first thoughts were of you. Of not being able to say goodbye. Not being able to see you walk across that graduation stage and smile at the camera while awkwardly shaking Mr. Lupo's hand. And of not seeing how much more proud I could be of everything you'd accomplish in the kitchen, our events, and as a person.

Should you ever need help editing a college paper, laugh at a failed recipe (but learn a lot), or even just to make sure I'm not too bored, please know I am always here and I will always be your teacher.

Julia Westbrook

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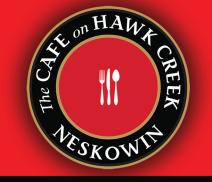
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ART

Savannah Duncan painting a mural in the studio.

A clock in the District office designed by Napela Napoleon, painted by seniors Austin Huber and Savannah Duncan.



This year's Senior class really pushed the Design Program forward. We started a school store with our laser cut, screen printed, 3d carved, and vinyl cut student products. We also had a show of fine art and digital production at the Pacific Artists' Co-Op, where several seniors were featured - including Jace Phippen, Ethan Price, Kealy Boyd, Jose Cortez, Savannah Duncan, Ella Knott, Brie Leboeuf, Fatima Lupercio, Ashlyn McGary, and Emily Treadway.

Our Siletz Studio also had students involved in commissioned projects throughout the year. Three students - Tristan Beach, Connor Bailey, and Napela Napoleon took on several of these large orders. They designed, innovated, problem solved, and worked with clients to develop products in our Siletz Studio. Examples include a giant LED lit laser cut Tiger clock in the Taft High office, glowing award stands, stickers with positive messages, and more.

Autumn Ellis was active in the studio, working on designs for Senior shirts, sports shirts, and leadership shirts, and helping with screenprinting in the lab. Kaya Morton was a big help and always actively creating her own art and helping others in the studio. Savannah Duncan was a creative force in the lab, inspiring students with her attention to detail and creative visions in both graphic design and digital design. Savannah had started to create beautiful murals in the studio space before we were all quarantined.

Covid created a difficult, abrupt end to the Design program this Semester. Shirts and sweatshirts had to cease production mid order, murals have gone unfinished, STEAM night was canceled, and other orders will have to wait until next year. I hope that these students can be proud of what they did accomplish in the time we had, and know that their work really means something to me and to the School. This group was truly impressive.

Noah Lambie



Drawing by senior Brie Laboeuf.



Drawing by senior Ashlyn McGary.

SIGN LANGUAGE



The picture is an art project that a senior did last year to represent "Snake".

Dear seniors of American Sign Language,

You were a part of the first group of students to go through these classes as we began the ASL program here at Taft. In your time within my classroom, you have learned over 400 signs and that doesn't even include your ABC's and numbers.

You have learned about Deaf culture and community, you have stepped into the shoes of people who are Deafblind, and you have created art that will be displayed for future ASL students to view for years to come.

The pride I feel when I see the light in your eyes when you understand a new sign, or brag to me about a conversation you have in ASL outside of school, or when you finally get the courage to present in front of the class leaves me at a loss for words. All of you are going to change the world!

Remember to never give up and strive to achieve your wildest dreams.

Chloe Migliaccio

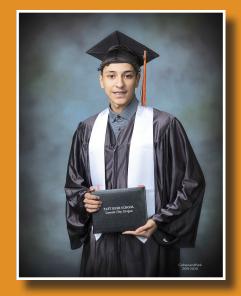




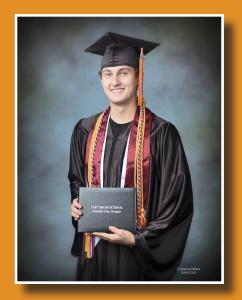
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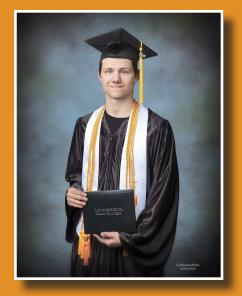
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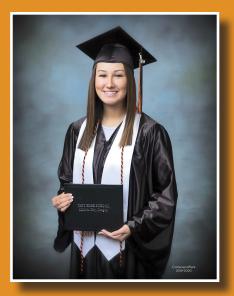
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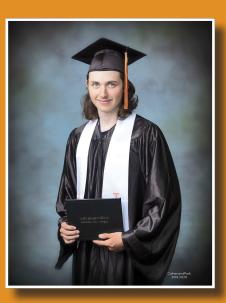
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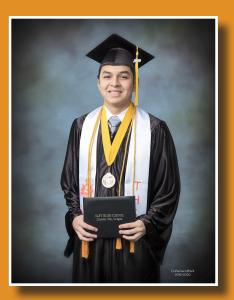
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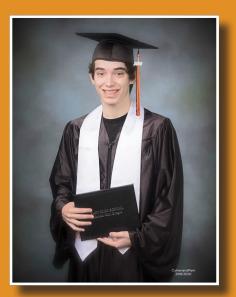
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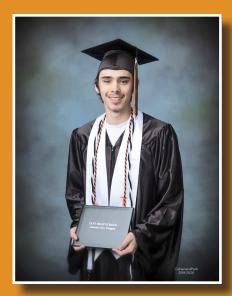
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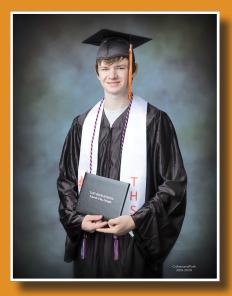
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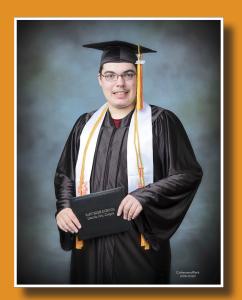
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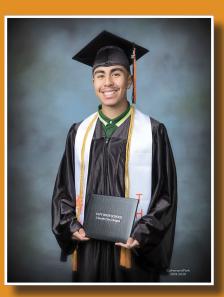
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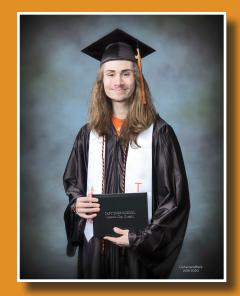
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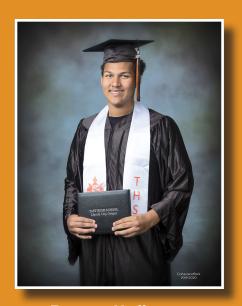
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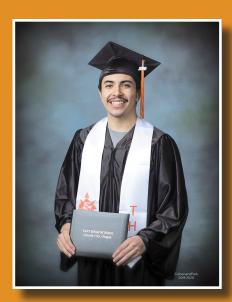
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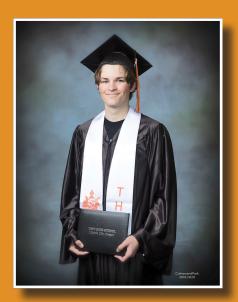
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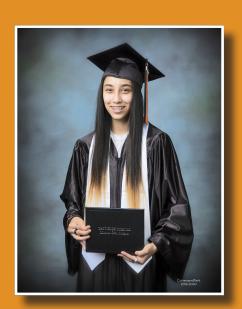
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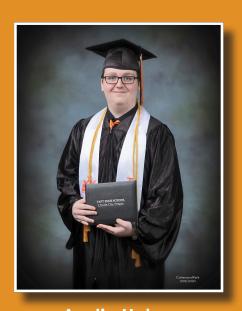
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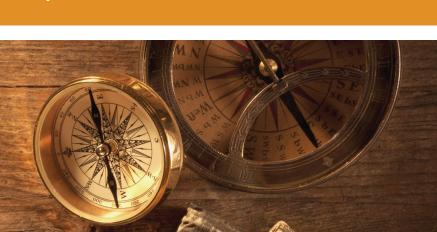
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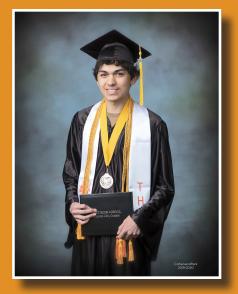
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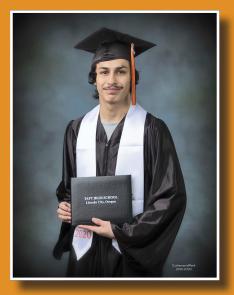
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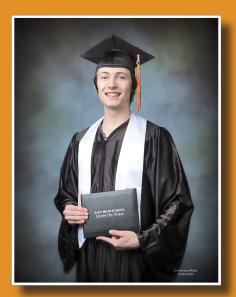
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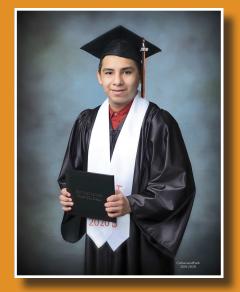




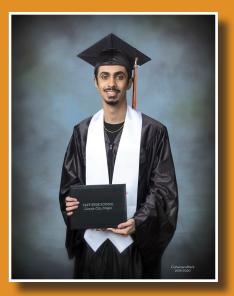
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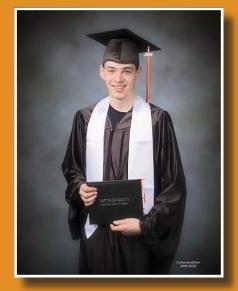
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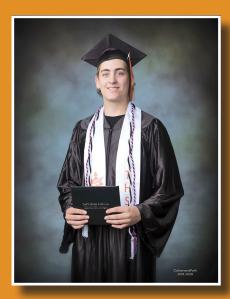
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All four winners received \$1000 scholarships to apply towards their educational or vocational training.
This year's winners included: Emma Bouchat of Waldport High School, Abbey DuBois and Kolby Spink of Newport High School, and Ayden Woodard of Taft High School.

Emma is already a licensed firefighter and EMR and wants to become a critical care paramedic by attending SW Oregon Community College. Abbey plans to attend OIT and continue her passion of computer science. Kolby will be running cross country and track for Lane Community College and wants to cross the finish line as an HPE teacher. Aden fell in love with biology and is planning to pursue a botany degree at OSU.

The Bateman Scholarship was established in 2015 by the local family owners to honor the Bateman family and their years of dedicated service to our community. Pacific View Memorial Chapel and Cemetery returned to local family ownership in 2010 and is operated by Location Manager, Guinevere Tolbert, who lives in Lincoln City with her husband. This year marks the sixth year with over nineteen scholarships awarded to deserving, graduating seniors in our community. The scholarships are intended to help the students reach their educational goals and may be applied toward any education-related costs, including textbooks, lab fees, uniforms, and any other fees associated with their studies or apprenticeships.

Awards were presented by owner and managing partner, Brian Norris.

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Military Cord - Enlisted in the Armed Service

Elin Fitch

Award Description.

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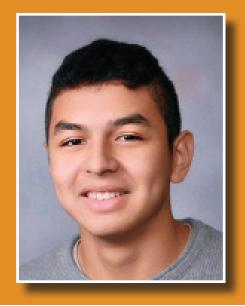
Marines







Valedictorian



Jose Cortez-Segura

"Thank you all for a great four years, even if we knew one another or not, whether we were friends or not, I wish you all a great future with the best of luck and many achievements. Thank you Class of 2020, we are the best."

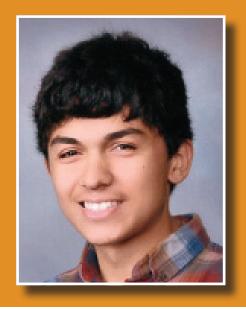
Salutatorian



Maddy Hall

"Though times are tough, as a class we will persevere. The sun will shine on us once again and we will be able to celebrate our accomplishments together."

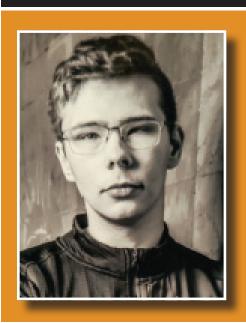
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Napela Napoleon

"We all hopped on this rollercoaster four years ago expecting a wild time. And though the ride broke down on the last hump, I still think we had a good time together."

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Ayden Woodward

"Class of 2020, we've always shaken everything up and this year has been no different. As we move into our separate futures, let's continue to shake things up and cause change to happen."



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