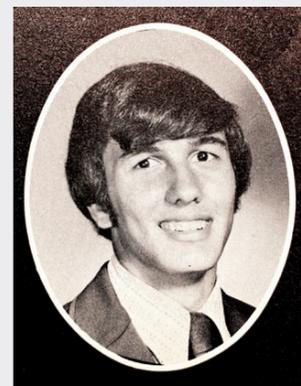


MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Bill Dieruf
Class of 1973

CONGRATS GRADUATES *Classes of* 2020

2020 GRADUATES DESERVE HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AS SCHOOL YEAR ENDS UNDER TOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES

Graduation and its traditions include many rites of passage. Lots of festive occasions, including parties, proms and award banquets, lead up to the long-awaited graduation ceremony itself.

Graduation is the culmination of a long educational journey that for most started with preschool. Now today's graduates stand on the brink of the next chapter of their lives in a time of great uncertainty and, for them, the loss of participating in those rites of passage.

The Class of 2020 has endured many disappointments resulting from the unforeseen pandemic that led to the cancellation of in-school learning and gatherings of all kinds in their final months of school.

The Jeffersontown City Council and I add our voices to those who sympathize with the disappointments faced by the Class of 2020, and we offer hearty congratulations to these youths who gave up so much to benefit so many.

A lot of young people probably do not realize the significance of their sacrifice in terms of sparing the lives of many people who would have passed away or become seriously ill from Covid-19 had life gone on without isolation to prevent spread of the virus.

One day, I hope, they will look back and take pride in realizing their loss was the gain of our community and many families.

I am pleased to see the creative ways that have emerged to acknowledge and pay tribute to the Class of 2020 – in proper social distancing manner. And we applaud the energy and initiative involved in these well-deserved salutes.

While this turn of events is not what this year's graduates imagined the end of this school year would be like, I urge them to realize that obtaining their diplomas is an important start to the rest of their lives. And I encourage them to be joyful about their achievements and optimistic about the many opportunities that lie before them.

Congratulations, Class of 2020!

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