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CLASS OF 2020 URGED TO BOLDLY EMBRACE THEIR FUTURE

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Under slightly overcast skies, the 63rd Commencement at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) on Wednesday, July 8, in the WHRHS Tozier Stadium finally gave the Class of 2020 the gift they were hoping for since late March: One last opportunity to get together as a class, review their time at WHRHS, and declare their readiness to boldly embrace the start of their future.

The weather and latest decree by the state government COVID-19 Watchdog officials finally permitted outdoor graduations of up to 500 people. WHRHS, with the size of graduating seniors just under 500, took full advantage of the 100 yards of its Stadium's artificial turf to seat the Class of 2020 with the required 6 feet between each student.

Highlighting the Commencement were: Tight, thoughtful and, in the end, hopeful remarks by four student speakers; two elegant coffee-house type musical interludes, featuring singing duets and acoustic guitar accompaniment; congratulatory and encouraging remarks by the Principal, Superintendent and Board of Education President; and on the jumbo screen, a pre-recorded rendering of the "Star Spangled Banner," the National Anthem, with lyrics by Francis Scott Key (1814), featuring 11 senior Choral Music members of the Class of 2020.

The Commencement was unofficially and effectively "Graduation Part II." On the day the Class of 2020 was originally scheduled to graduate before the COVID-19 Shutdown changed everything, Friday, June 19, the Class of 2020 participated in a Graduation Car Parade. That was the day a veritable sea of cars assembled in the Stirling Road-side parking lot in front of the WHRHS building. Beginning on about 11:45 a.m., Friday, June 19, the Car Parade ferried the Guests of Honor - the WHRHS Class of 2020 - in front of scores of applauding, cheering, encouraging teachers, staff and well-wishers. It took the better part of an hour for all the cars to complete the parade's route through campus. The participating students, often accompanied in their cars by parents, siblings, other relations and even for some with family pets. Everyone appeared to genuinely enjoy the opportunity to get together as a class for the first time since March.



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(above) Katie Tan delivers the Valedictory delivers the Salutatory *Speech in the school's* Tozier Stadium.



(above) Mayur Sharma Speech at the WHRHS Commencement.



(above) All School Council (ASC) President Roopa Irakam presented Opening Address.



(above) Senior Class President Deepa Irakam welcomed everyone to the 2020 Commencement.



(above, l-r) Musical interlude was performed by graduating seniors Christine Tanko, Ben Kosakowski and Jack Melillo.

Photos by WHRHS

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STUDENTS START WARREN BRANCH OF ALLIANCE OF YOUTH LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Submitted by Stanley Liu

On June 1, 2020 four students, Wesley Liu, Stanley Liu, Nikolai Przybylski, and Kanav Desai, from Watchung Hills Regional School District in New Jersey founded the Warren branch for the Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States (AYLUS). It is the 57th branch of AYLUS.

We created our branch in response to the coronavirus pandemic. After seeing the struggle of local businesses, hospitals in need of supplies, and other terrible consequences that the pandemic has had on our society, it was our duty to help and give back to our community in this time of hardship.

Our mission is to support our community and those in need and engage students in volunteer work that teach important skills. We will create and work on projects that include fundraising,

tutoring, food drives, and much more. Through these projects, we aim to improve our community and create an environment that inspires students to take initiative in volunteer events and be more generous.

As the first event, on June 17, the AYLUS Warren Branch donated its first batch of 3D printed face shields. The Warren Branch reached out to a Patient Navigator at the RWJ Steeplechase Cancer Center, who expressed a need for the face shields. The branch plans on continuing to donate face shields as needed. We also plan on contacting other local businesses to help them meet their needs.

We encourage more students to join and help

Please visit our website aylus.org/warren-nj and email ayluswarren@gmail.com if you are



(above) Wesley Liu, Stanley Liu, Nikolai Przybylski, and Kanav Desai, students from WHRS, founded the Warren branch for the Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States (AYLUS).



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The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) launched an automatic renewal process for all physical Library materials on July 8.

"After extending due dates automatically during our closure, we wondered if there was a way we could continue to offer that level of convenience to customers after we reopened," said Lynn Hoffman, director of operations. "We think automatic renewal is just what we were looking for. In the midst of all of the chaos in our lives today, we're glad to be able to take this one thing off customers' minds."

The Library System will automatically renew materials for customers two days before they are due. If materials cannot be renewed, customers will receive their due notices as usual.

The following renewal rules will continue to apply: materials with holds cannot be renewed; there is a limit of 10 renewals for each item; library accounts must be in good standing.

Automatic renewals only apply to physical materials; e-books and e-audiobooks will not be automatically renewed.

For more information, contact Hoffman at: lhoffman@sclibnj.org.

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"We want to thank our riders for their patience throughout the pandemic and are looking forward to resuming Transportation's regular schedules on Monday," said Freeholder Melonie Marano, transportation liaison. "The safety of our residents and staff remains a top priority, so we will continue to monitor and adjust services as deemed appropriate."

The one exception is the CAT1A shuttle, which will continue running on a modified/holiday schedule. Also, CAT shuttles are not providing service to Raritan Valley Community College, until further notice. The last stop on the CAT line is the ShopRite, located on route 28 in Branchburg. To view transit schedules, visit https://bit.ly/ShuttleSchedule2020.

Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the state, will be followed. Passengers and service operators are required to wear facial coverings, and all shuttles will be limited to 50% capacity. Vehicles will be disinfected after every shift and additional cleaning procedures will be performed to ensure that all vehicles are sterile.

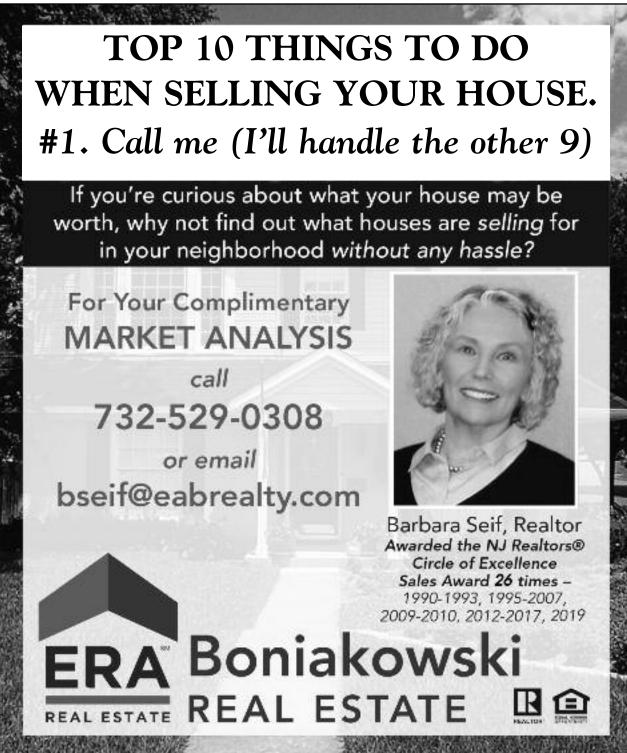
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For more information, contact Somerset County Transportation at 908-231-7115, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.









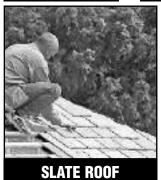




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JOYOUS ATMOSPHERE MARKS CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION CAR PARADE

Submitted by Denis Kelly

A veritable sea of cars assembled in the Stirling Road side parking lot in front of Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) on Friday, June 19, to ferry the guests of honor, the WHRHS Class of 2020, in front of scores of teachers, staff and well-wishers at the Graduation Car Parade.

After several end-of-year virtual events that marked the completion of the Class of 2020's experience at WHRHS, the nearly 500-member graduating class came together in one place for one of the first times since Distance Learning started in Mid-March for the Car Parade. The atmosphere was visibly joyous.

It required the better part of an hour for the entire fleet of cars to one-by-one crawl along the parade route. They pushed off from the Stirling Road Parking Lot. First, they rode past the cadre of teachers, administrators and board members cheering for the graduates along the internal oncampus roadway leading to the WHRHS baseball diamond.

Next up were the separate row of lawn signs for each graduate, which lined the road down to and around the road just before the baseball stadium. There the parade route and graduate signs curled up to the parking lots in back of the Old North Building.

Once again teachers, staffers, and well-wishers, congregated there, spread out in the parking lot, down as far as the access path down to Tozier Stadium where the graduates in the past have processed down on foot. The Car Parade route then proceeded back to the access road down to the baseball stadium, and again lined by more cheering teachers, staffers, and well-wishers. Throughout the parade, teachers, staffers and well-wishers were clapping, cheering for the students, and shouting words of encouragement for continued success in college and along the road ahead.

Some of the cars were driven by the graduates,

themselves, but the vast majority were passengers in convertibles, or cars with sunroof. Notable too by their prevalence were 2 or 4-door Jeep Wranglers, whose tops, and sometimes even doors, were removed. Graduates stood, like the dignitaries in a parade up the ticker-tape-parade Canyon of Heroes in lower Manhattan, waving, cheering, and often shouting thanks to teachers, staffers and well-wishers all along the parade route. Many folks took photographs. Several of the twins in the class rode together. Some cars sported more than one graduate.

Nearly all the cars also had parents and siblings, and in many cases family pets, in the cars, who themselves seemed to be basking in the festive atmosphere. Cars were decorated, some with balloons, proclaiming their pride in being part of the Class of 2020.

Many graduates wore caps and gowns informally. Some had already decorated the tops of their hats with Letter Sweater-type logo lettering from the colleges they plan to attend next year.

Several banners were hung on the fences near the Stirling Road Parking Lot. One hung from the school's Front Entrance Canopy, proclaiming "Congratulations Class of 2020." Other banners, proclaimed: "Congratulations Class of 2020 We Miss You, We Salute You... Despite The Distance We Will Never Forget You;" also "Congratulations Class of 2020, United in Strength and Courage."

One banner outside carried the photo that was also reproduced on the front page of the school's Website, whrhs.org. On the banner is a class photo taken earlier in the school year in the stands at Tozier Stadium. All students were wearing the signature "Senior White" T-Shirts, in a stunning show of solidarity.

The photo seems to echo the resolute spirit of the participants of the Class of 2020 Car Parade. It is also reminiscent of the "Senior GLC Bulletin Board" inside the school. The board was put up in September, and all year showed the signature self-confidence, personality and collective resolute spirit of the Class of 2020. It borrows a style used by the TV show, "Friends." Up top, the bulletin board head reads still, as it read all year: "Senior GLC, Season 20: Episode 20, The One Where They Graduate."



(above) Bright and sunny weather greeted Class of 2020 graduates for their special Car Parade Day.



(above) What else is there to say, besides, "Thumbs Up!"



(above) Or another way to remember the say is to use the symbol for two levels of meaning: "Victory," sure, but also "Peace!"



(above) Class of 2020 Graduate Scott Romankow was piloted around the WHRHS Campus during the Car Parade by his parents, Stephanie and David Romankow.

Photos by WHRHS



(above) Class of 2020 graduate Lucas Mammon, a noted acoustic guitar player, appears to also show distinctive taste in the artistic expressions on his distinctive Graduation Car parade 4-wheel drive rig.



(above) Like his fellow Class of 2020 graduates, Chris Miller rides the back of a convertible like he is a guest of honor in a "Canyon of Heroes" ticker-tape parade.



(above) For athletes, what else is there to say, besides, "Victory!"



(above) So many Class of 2020 graduates were beaming from their cars as they passed wellwishers, they seemed to be saying they were ready to reach for the stars.



(above) Class of 2020 Graduate Sofie Marsillo was accompanied on her Car Parade journey by her mom, Nancy Marsillo, who just happens to be a WHRHS Cross Country coach.



(above) Siblings Ava and Jack Melillo shared the memorable experience of their Class of 2020 Graduation Car Parade together.



(above) Teachers, staffers, and well-wishers applaud Class of 2020 graduates as the Car Parade passes.

SCLSNJ'S AUGUST 2020 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Explore SCLSNJ's Virtual Programs. All programs listed are free. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Programs are subject to change. Visit sclsnj.libnet.info/events.org for SCLSNJ's complete calendar of events. For questions contact SCLSNJ staff at ask@sclibnj.org.

ALL AGES

Somerset Regional Animal Shelter - Adopt Your New Best Friend

August 7, 3-4 p.m.

Magnolia Street String Band Bluegrass - Virtual Summer Concert

August 15, 3-4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

An Adventurous Children's Concert (entering grades Pre-K-2)

August 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

(ages 3-5 years and their caregivers)

August 3, 11, 10, 17; 10:30-11 a.m.

Hour of Code (entering grades 2-5)
Puppy Adventure

August 3, noon - 1 p.m. Escape the Dungeon

August 17, noon - 1 p.m.

Science Bites

(entering grades 3-6 and their caregivers)

August 3, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

My First Book Club

August 3, 4-5 p.m.

"Mercy Watson to the Rescue" by Kate DiCamillo (entering grades 1-4)

Music With Ms. Jenni

(ages birth - 3 years and their caregivers)

August 4, 31; 10-10:45 a.m.

Creatures Beyond Imagining (families with children)

August 4, 2-2:45 p.m.

Tween Trivia (entering grades 5-8)

August 4, 4-5 p.m.

Family Storytime - Twilight Tales (families with children)

August 4, 18; 7-7:30 p.m. August 5, 6:30-7 p.m.

Toddler/Preschool Storytime

(ages 18 months - 5 years and their caregivers)

August 5, 19; 10-10:30 a.m.

August 27, 11-11:30 a.m.

Fantasy Castle Design (entering grades K-4)

August 5, 3:30-4 p.m.

Baby Storytime

(ages birth - 18 months and their caregivers)

August 6, 10-10:30 a.m. August 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Arms and Armor Through the Ages (families with children)

August 6, 2-2:45 p.m.

Learning Lab - Fairy Tale Science

(entering grades K-5 and their caregivers)

August 6, 4-5 p.m.

Play and Music Sampler

(ages birth - 3 years and their caregivers)

August 7, 10-10:30 a.m.

Study Buddy Summer STEM Program (entering grades 3-6)

August 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Creative Writing Workshop (entering grades 7-12)

August 7, 2-3 p.m.

August 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Choose Your Own Adventure
Escape the Castle (entering grades 1-4)

August 10, 3-3:30 p.m.

STEAM

Op Art (entering grades 3-4)

August 10, 4-5 p.m.

Shaving Cream Creations

(entering grades K-5 and their caregivers)

August 20, 4-5 p.m.

Book Club - Dragons and Magic (entering grades 3-6)

August 11, 2-3 p.m.

LEGO® Club (entering grades K-5)

August 11, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

August 13, 4-5 p.m.

August 27, 2-3 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

(ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers)

August 12, 10-10:30 a.m.

CRAFTY KIDS (ENTERING GRADES 2-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS)

Popsicle Stick Creations

August 12, 2-2:30 p.m.

Egg Carton Creations

August 26, 2-2:30 p.m.

Draw a Story - Fairy Tales Around the World (entering grades K-2)

August 12, 4-4:45 p.m.

Family Storytime - Pajama Time (families with children)

August 12, 26; 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Baby/Toddler Storytime - Discover Stories (ages birth - 3 years and their caregivers)

August 13, 10-10:30 a.m.

DIY Kitchen Science - Baking Soda Vinegar Volcanoes (grades K-8 and their caregivers)

August 13, 11-11:45 a.m.

Kids in the Kitchen

(entering grades 3-5 and their caregivers)

August 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Puppet Time (ages 2-5 and their caregivers)

August 14, 21; 10-10:25 a.m.

Nature Explorers (entering grades K-2)

August 14, 11 a.m. - noon

Wizards Cook

(entering grades 1-5 and their caregivers)

August 14, 2-3 p.m.

Creatures From Around the World (entering grades K-5)

August 15, 10-10:30 a.m.

Teen Summer Reads Book Club (entering grades 9-12)

August 17, 6-7 p.m.

Toddler Sing With Pat

(ages 1-3 years and their caregivers)

August 18, 10:30-11 a.m.

Teen Trivia (entering grades 9-12)

August 18, 2-3 p.m.

Explore Art (entering grades 1-5)

August 19, 1-2 p.m.

Honey Heist (entering grades 6-12)

August 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Math Matters (ages 3-6 and their caregivers)

August 20, 11-11:30 a.m.

Teen Trivia Night (entering grades 6-12)

August 20, 7-8 p.m.

Dino Days (entering grades 3-8)

August 24, 2-3 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Club - "SheHeWe" by Lee Nordling (entering grades 3-5)

August 25, 4-5 p.m.

Once Upon a Building

(entering grades 2-4 and their caregivers)

August 28, 2-2:30 p.m.

ADULTS

Why New Jersey Has an Official State Microbe

August 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Jeffrey Boyd

Selected Readings - SCLSNJ Unites the Community Through Verse

August 4, 11, 18, 28; 11-11:45 a.m.

De-Stress and Unwind With Yoga

August 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Do You Believe? A Paranormal Survey**

August 5, 7-8 p.m.

Nutrient Dense Salads

August 6, 7-8 p.m.

History of the Jersey Shore

August 10, 7-8 p.m.

Presented by Kevin Woyce **Ending Stigma in Somerset County - Raising**

Awareness About Mental Health

August 11, 6-7 p.m.

Belly Dance Bhangra World Dance Fusion

August 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

Presented by Stephanie Pappas **Employment Resources**

for People With Disabilities

Garden State
August 13, 7-8 p.m.

Presented by the

Museum of Early Trades and Crafts

Smart DriverTEK Workshop

August 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

Presented by AARP

Mastering the Interview August 17, 7-9 p.m.

Transforming Journalism - How Augmented and Virtual Reality are Impacting the News

August 18, 7-8 p.m.

The Roaring Twenties

August 19, 7-8 p.m.

Presented by Professor Jeff Kampf

Making Your Job Search Work for You

August 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

The History of the Great Swamp

August 26, 7-8 p.m.

Presented by the New Jersey Audubon Society

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August 27, 7-8 p.m.

Virtual Readers' Roundtable - A Moderated Book Talk

August 31, 1-2 p.m.

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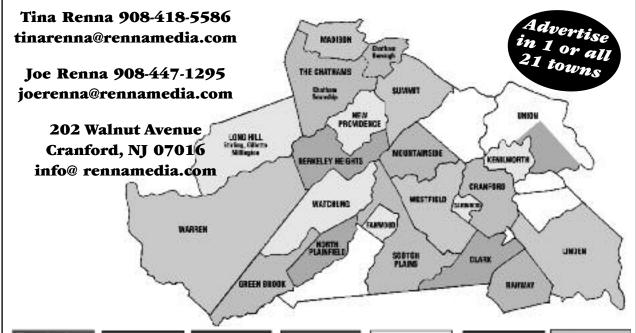
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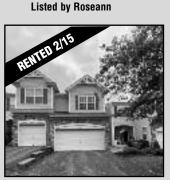


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