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# THE BEST OF THE CLASS 2020

**Valedictorians** 



**Grant Arnold** 





**Madeleine Sanders** 



**Breana Devillier** 

### **Salutatorians**







**Todd Jokerst** 

### **Graduation Speeches**

Grant Arnold

I wasn't too concerned about giving a speech today... until I remembered my siblings might have a field day if things went too far downhill... that got me writing.

Graduates of 2020- we have learned to adapt- and not just in the past few months, but in all of our years.

In the summer leading up to our freshman year, I showed up to my first few cross country conditionings. I wasn't remarkably good at basketball, and I knew I loved running. I was lean, happy to have hit triple digits in weight. Soon, Coach was ready to have the talk about weekly mileage for the summer. So, at the end of sweaty practice, he explained to me in a very serious tone that 30 miles each week should be enough for this summer. Coach! 30 miles! Every week! This seemed outrageous, but, being an ignorant freshman, I just nodded my head- "ok coach." I remember I got in the car after practice and said "Mom, this is a serious sport." But at the end of that year, I ran in my first State meet. We are constantly surprising ourselves with our ability to do something unfamiliar. Some days we see something in ourselves that others don't; some days others see something in us that we don't. Our willingness to shake our heads and give it a shot--even if it's possibly not possible- is what gives you the power to do something new- to make a difference.

I find it difficult to speak to our last 4 years in 4 minutes- although we can all type around 2,500 words per minute after months of online school. I find it difficult because I cannot begin to convey the experiences and bold minds of each student in our class of 2020. How can I convey my inmost gratitude to my classmates and to my teachers who have gone above and beyond, now more than ever. I do not know, but today we celebrate and give thanks as a group. Today we stand together, well over 6 feet apart, and celebrate as one group of Patriots.

In 1932, amidst the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt said to graduates "Yours is not the task of making your way in the world, but the task of remaking the world which you will find before you."

We've seen everything in our lives remade this year, and we have learned more than we ever could have imagined from that. Carroll High School readied us to adapt to anything, and we are stronger people than when we were sorted into our Houses, 4 years ago.

We've learned what it means to be a friend as we've upheld each other over the past 4 years and beyond.

We've learned what it means to be a Patriot as our senior voices now ring loudest in the Alma Mater.

As the first class to spend 4 years as a part of the Carroll High School House system, I, as a Baltimore student, learned what it meant to be humble as a part of the happiest House. Truly, our Houses have brought us family, fortitude, and faith.

We've learned what it means to be a student, even as we've shaped our lives around an entirely new way of learning this Spring.

We've learned not to pray for extra months of school off --unless we Really want them- it might happen.

We've gained athletic success from our dominant athletes and our All-State performances- overcoming torn ACLs and carrying on past cancelled seasons.

We've learned how to dance- thanks to Mr. Sorrell.

We've learned what it means to be a community- and to cherish each of our days.



We've felt the pain of loss- a classmate- MacKenna Kronenberger, teacher and Coach--Mr. Spoerl, Carroll Patriot and coach- Mr. Garrison, along with many other friends and family. May these loved ones, who will always be a part of our community, look after us.

While I might not be able to tell all the people in my life just how grateful I am for them right now, I hope we can all show our loved ones how grateful we are in how we proceed.

Thank you to my parents, grandparents, and all my family who relentlessly support me. To my friends who bring laughter-- sport. To our phenomenal teachers who have prepared us for everything by showing that they can do anything. And to our principal and administration who have kept our community moving forward through it all.

Thank you, all, for sponsoring the class of 2020 as we move forward- We will always have to adapt to face our challenges, but as we begin our next stage, we are more prepared than ever to go forth and remake the world which we find before us.

#### Ashley Martin

The class of 2020 is a title that is special not only to Carroll High School, but to seniors around the world. I think that I speak for the entire graduating class when I say that this day would not have been possible without our dedicated teachers and faculty. We also had friends and family supporting us along the way, but this is not what makes us special. We were the first class to experience four years of the House system. The girls' basketball team made it to the state finals. We broke ground on the new football field. While we may not get to experience the newly air conditioned building, the memories that we have made here at Carroll will last forever. Our last summer started with the Memorial Day tornadoes, and many of us have a friend or family member who lost their home. Now, we are facing a global pandemic that has ripped away our senior prom and our graduation ceremony, but still this is not what makes us special.

We are special because we are strong.

We are special because we persevered through these hardships. School was cancelled and so we took online classes. Graduation was banned and so I am speaking to you through a video.

The class of 2020 is a title that we should be proud of, because despite everything that has been thrown at us, we still made it.

Throughout the last four years, we have grown and begun to discover ourselves. I remember my first day of high school as a scared freshman. I managed to fall up - not down - the stairs three times in one day. While I may not be the same 13 year old freshman, I still stand here terrified, terrified to start as a freshman all over again, terrified to be thrown into the real world, terrified to learn how to pay taxes. However, it is this new chapter in our lives that continues the journey and builds on our foundation for a better future.

One predominant misconception is that we should figure out our life plan by the time we graduate high school, but this couldn't be further from the truth. We have so much left to experience and so much more to accomplish. The best advice I was given was to never hold back in fear of failure. It is through new experiences that we discover ourselves, even if that experience is falling up the stairs in front of 100 strangers. Go out. Try new things. Take every chance you can to discover your passion. It was through a series of small taken opportunities that I found mine. Eight years ago, my girl scout troop



spent a day volunteering at URS, a center dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental and physical disabilities. At that time, I didn't know that it would shape my future. I didn't know that I would meet Jerimiah. He told me he wanted to be a police officer even though he knew it wasn't possible while he was confined to a wheelchair. I didn't know that I would realize I wanted to dedicate my life towards helping people like Jerimiah. We're still on our journey to finding the best version of ourselves, and every taken opportunity brings us one step closer.

Joining Marching Band was the first step I took toward becoming a part of the Carroll family. The most notable lesson in being a part of the band was how to act as a part of a community. Whether it's as a member of the band, or as a part of the class of 2020-- I learned that everyone has an important role and that none of us would be here without each other. Robert F. Kenedy once said "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation." The class of 2020 is a generation of its own and we have the power to write our own history together.

### Madeleine Sanders

"I don't know who made honey crisp apples but I think they're Nobel Prize-worthy." This is something Mr. Seyfang told my AP Macro class during one of the first days of online classes as he was finishing up lunch. Of course, after having four years of English classes where I was forced to analyze every single literary passage and quote I heard, I could not take this statement at face value. While honey crisp apples are delicious, I think we can all agree that they are not as impressive as the inventions and discoveries that are actually awarded Nobel prizes. But that doesn't mean they shouldn't be recognized for being really good apples. The same goes for what the Carroll High School class of 2020 has accomplished, and for which we should be proud, but are often not recognized. Three of these things are stepping out of your comfort zone, overcoming struggle, and making a difference.

High school is a time where everyone steps out of their comfort zone, which is not an easy feat and one that many should be proud of. No one deserves more recognition for this than Carroll's international students. International students travel thousands of miles from their homes and families to pursue their high school, and for many, college, education in the United States. They are faced with the pressures of high school while being in a country where the language is different, the culture is different, and they don't know very many people. To all of our international students: the hard work you put in and your ability to step out of your comfort zone is something to be extremely proud of. Other examples of this are those who tried a different extracurricular activity while at Carroll. As a member of the women's lacrosse team the year it first started here at Carroll, I can attest that the program never would have gotten off the ground without the many athletes that were willing to try the new sport. Many students have joined other sports, drama, band and the talent show, even their senior year, as a way to step out of their comfort zone. Some people have stepped out of their comfort zone during the school day as well. This comes in the form of meeting and engaging with new people, asking for help, and taking a class that you knew would be difficult. If you have stepped out of your comfort zone while at Carroll, you should be proud of doing so and should look back and see how far you've come because of it.

When looking back to see how far you have come, it is inevitable that you will remember struggles from your high school years. While everyone has different struggles, everyone should be proud of what they have overcome. As mental health continues to become an increasing concern for people of all ages, it is important to recognize the strength and determination of those who struggle with these issues. If you are one of the many who are faced with this, you should be



proud of the progress you have made, and the fact that you made it out of bed and went to school or work when it seemed like an impossible task. School and work itself can be a major source of stress in anyone's life. For those who have made it through the stress of a school day with five tests and a project due, a chaotic workday, or come home to a family problem, be proud of the difficulties you have worked through. "More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." With this outlook on struggle, from the book of Romans 5:3-5, the class of 2020 should be proud of what we have overcome together, especially in these past few months, and individually you should be proud of what you've overcome these past four years.

If there's anything that eases struggles, it's those who go the extra mile to make a difference in someone's life. Often, those who are making a difference do not even realize the impact they have on others and how far their kind deeds go. Many people at Carroll perform extraordinary hours of service doing many great acts of justice such as tutoring kids at El Puente and students here at Carroll, volunteering at the Dayton Food Bank, and organizing and being buddies for PATS Camp for kids with special needs. Some students choose extracurriculars such as athletic training and team managers, which makes a difference for athletes who need water, are rehabbing injuries, or need stats to see where their weaknesses are. No matter what you have done to make a difference with your extracurriculars or service, you should be proud of helping out fellow students and many others in the Carroll community and beyond. Nonetheless, the biggest way someone at Carroll has made a difference is through the small, but kind actions that make someone else's day better. Being a friendly face to someone in the hallways, complimenting someone's outfit for spirit week, and including the student who is looking lonely in family room are all small deeds that can make a day or an entire school year better for someone and is what truly makes us proud to be Carroll Patriots.

Finally, thank you to all of our teachers because you have made a profound difference in our lives. We are forever grateful for your dedication and support and it will not be forgotten as we move on to do great things with our lives. While it is improbable that every single one of us will win a Nobel Prize or be on the front cover of TIME magazine, the Carroll High School Class of 2020 can continue to step out of our comfort zone, overcome struggle, and make a difference. And THAT is something to be proud of.

#### Breana Devillier

All right so honestly the only advice I have going out of high school is embrace life. Change can come so unexpectedly and that is why you need to enjoy every minute of what you have. You're not guaranteed anything out of life, you only get what you make of it. That's why it's important to work hard to pursue your dreams. The only person who can tell you what to do is you, which means you are 100% responsible for your actions in life. You may not always be able to control what happens to you, but you can still control how you react. I know it is not always easy to take control of your life, and I have a bit of advice that I hope will help you all in the future.

First: always stay positive. I know it isn't always easy to look on the bright side, but it really does make a difference. Your attitude determines so much about how you see yourself, how you see the world, and how the world sees you. What you think is what you do, so if you think something is going to suck, then yeah, it probably will.. If you think you are going to fail then how can you succeed? But if you go into something open minded then you may actually enjoy it, and if you believe you can succeed then you will. It may take some extra hard work and you may have to work through some failed attempts, but in the end you will succeed.



Second: take charge. If you want something to happen then you can't just sit around and wait for it to happen. If you have the drive and the passion, you can make anything happen because you are all smart and amazing people. So please don't ever be afraid to try because you are worried you might fail.

Third: Be outgoing. You never know what amazing and supportive people you might meet when you go out. There are so many people in this world and you could end up meeting a best friend or significant other at some random gathering. By exposing yourself to more people you will also learn so many new things about the world that you would not have learned on your own. Meeting people who are different from you will make you challenge your own ideals and what you consider important, and in the end it will make you a better person. You will learn new things about the world and about yourself in the process.

The final thing I want to say to you all is thank you. You may not realize it, but you have all influenced my life in some way over the last four years and I am so grateful for it. Please remember in the future that you have an impact on other people's lives, even if you do not realize it. It has been a blast these last four years and I cannot wait to hear all of the amazing things that the class of 2020 does in the future.

#### Tyler Jachimski

Good morning, afternoon, or whatever time of day it is that you are watching this. My name is Tyler Jachimski, and I'd like to talk a little about high school. No, I don't want to talk about math, science, or any other subject for that matter. I think we all deserve a break from that. I want to talk about the experiences we had, the friendships we formed, and the community we built during our time here at Carroll High School. Obviously, this isn't the way we'd all like to be graduating. I don't think anybody would have dreamt that our high school career would end like this, but if it's okay, I would prefer to steer away from these kinds of thoughts and focus on the good in life.

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." If you don't recognize that quote: 1. Shame on you. 2. Go watch the movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off.* It's one of the best movies ever made, but I guess I can't get too upset at anyone who hasn't seen it, as I only saw it for the first time this year. Anyway, I think it's quite ironic how a movie which calls high school "childish and stupid" has the best way to describe our time at Carroll and life in general. It seems that, in the blink of an eye, we went from walking into the building as students for the first time to the last. Even though it seems like time flew away, we still have so many memories and experiences we can share. I mean who could possibly forget watching our football team beat both Beavercreek and Alter, seeing our girls basketball team in the state finals, seeing which one of our classmates was going to qualify for the state track meet each year, or getting to participate in numerous House competitions and parties. What's a spanish class without Señora, Señorita, or Profe getting us to get up and dance? An english class without Mrs. Hughes chatting with us? A physics class without a story from Mrs. Fuhr? A math class with Mrs. Ollier without TED Talk Tuesday? I could go on and on about how each and every one of our wonderful teachers brings something unique to class that makes it enjoyable and worth coming to school, and I also think it's something we may have taken for granted. Life does in fact move pretty fast, and we need to stop and look around once in a while, or else we could miss it. Enjoy every moment you live in and take the time to look around once in a while.

If I were asked to give one word or phrase to describe Carroll High School, it would most certainly involve the words friendship and community. Many of us, myself included, walked the same halls as some of our relatives, and it's amazing to see how friendship and community are values that have remained so important to Carroll throughout the years. We all came from numerous different grade schools to form one collective class here. Some of us hardly knew anyone; some of us were very familiar with many. In the end, none of that mattered because at the end of four years here, we



have formed one singular unit: the Carroll Patriots class of 2020. We've all grown, perhaps literally and figuratively. We have found new friends and places to be ourselves. I know I personally have the best friends anyone could ever ask for, and I have met the kindest and most generous families in the world. I can't thank those people enough for the impact they have had on my life. That's the best part about Carroll. Finding these friends and families was all possible through Carroll High School and the community we have built as a class. It's amazing to see what we have become, and I certainly can't wait to see what is to come.

There are so many people that we should be grateful for in our lives. I personally cannot thank my family, friends, friends' families, coaches, teachers, the administration, and honestly everyone who has been involved with Carroll High School enough. They all deserve the world for everything they have done for me personally, and I am so unbelievably grateful for them. Coach Jones, for those who knew him, would say it perfectly: "Love each other. You don't have to like each other, but you have to love each other." I live by that saying, and I ask you all to do the same. No matter what kind of argument you get in with your family or friends, whether you disagree with a teacher or your coach, love them. You don't have to like what they do, but you do have to love them. In the end, none of that stuff matters. Stay cool, calm, and collected, and show them love. That cool, calm, and collected part is a quote by KJ Smith. Love each other no matter what; don't dwell on what we can't control and focus on what we can control; enjoy what we have and look forward to the future. There is still so much to do.

#### Todd Jokerst

Before the school year begins, the Cross Country team goes on a four day camp known as State Camp. The goal of the whole thing is to teach the team what it takes to become a State Champion. On the third day, we have to complete a triathlon that consists of a canoe, a swim, and a run. The last run we have to do is around a 2 mile run with a pretty steep incline the entire way. And after a canoe and a swim, it makes running up this hill more painful than ever. As I was running up, there were little white markers all the way up the hill. I remember thinking to myself "man if I could just make it to the next marker". Every single step of the way.

One of the most painful experiences in my life was swimming the 500 yard swim the first time ever for competition. The race consists of 20 lengths of the pool and is usually the longest distance swim at a regular winter swim meet. After the first 100 yards or so, I started to feel incredibly tired. I just kept telling myself to make it to the next turn. I did that over and over again for each length of the pool. Even though I could barely get out of the pool, I was able to finish the race.

And amidst these crazy times, because we were bored, my friends and I decided to do a specific challenge. This consisted of a mile run, 100 pull ups, 200 push ups, 300 squats, and then another mile run. Since my friends and I were completely incapable of doing the calisthenics all in a row, we split them up into sets of 5, 10 and 15 reps respectively. After each set-- I just kept telling myself one more set, one more set. And I did that until I did the correct amount of each exercise, and I was thrilled to be able to complete something that seemed absolutely impossible at the time.

People always say to" not give up." But the one thing you don't hear too often is "how to not give up. "And that is how you do it. Find markers along the way that will just get you to the next step. Even if they are small and trivial. They will eventually get you to the end. We have all been there. Whether it was a school project or studying for a test. Whether we know it or not --we set goals to finish certain parts. And that's how you don't give up: split the large task into smaller ones, so you can mentally reset after you reach every step. Eventually you will reach the end.

### **CLASS OF 2020 SPECIAL AWARDS**

Carroll High School Athlete of the Year Julia Keller Donovan LaJeunesse

#### Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award Carly Cogan William Moddeman

Ohio High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Grant Arnold Madeleine Sanders

### Joseph R. Sens Award for Commitment to the Carroll Community Megan Caldwell Sophia Lopez-Navarijo William Moddeman Jillian Roberts Kaleb Wourms

Charles F. Eckhardt Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement Colin Czyzak Kristin Hildebrant Anh Pham

Rev. Stanley H. Neiheisel Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement Kathryn Hildebrant Olivia Bartlett

Archbishop John Carroll Service Award for Outstanding Community Service Abigail Minc Madeleine Sanders Brittney Sargent

\_David M. Austria, M.D., Award (for outstanding character & perseverance) Jessica Babros

> Via Pacis Award Kenneth Smith & Mireille Kuzwa



Discipleship Award Trenton Fox Emma Howey

**2020 Patriot of the Year** Grant Arnold Mandi Weitz

Red-White-Blue Award Jonathan LaJeunesse Anh Pham

### ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Art – Zhenya Huber and Cecilia Leopold

Business - Madison Hennessey

Family and Consumer Science- Madyson Barner

Computer Science - Andrew Connair

English - Caterina McNamara

Foreign Languages: Spanish - Anh Pham

French - Kaleb Wourms

Latin - Brittney Sargent

Industrial Technology - Raven Ferguson

Math – Grant Arnold and Tyler Jachimski

Music - Gabriel Keydoszius

Religion - Laura (Shay) Hary

Science – Madeleine Sanders and Ashley Martin

Social Studies – Payton Hunt



### CLASS OF 2020 Service Awards

\*Service at CHS is "inspired--not required"

### 300+ hours in years at CHS

Grant Arnold, Olivia Bartlett, Megan Caldwell, Neil Colucci, Andrew Connair, Tayler Fenton, Shay Hary, Daniel Hebert, Payton Hunt, Mireille Kuzwa, Megan Lencke, Sophia Lopez-Navarijo, Ashley Martin, Zach Merz, Abigail Minc, Harley Miniard, Will Moddeman, Michael Osgood, Anh Pham, Matt Polanka, Jillian Roberts, Corrine Ruble, Madeleine Sanders, Brittney Sargent, Janelle Soto, Katherine Springer, Mandi Weitz

### Revolution Award (100+ hours from 6/19-5/20)

Andrew Connair, Tayler Fenton, Jacques Kagiraneza, Ashley Martin, Abigail Minc, Will Moddeman, Matt Polanka, Jillian Roberts, Madeleine Sanders, Katherine Springer, Mandi Weitz

### Blue Service Award (75-99 hours from 6/19-5/20)

Grant Arnold, Jessica Babros, Trey Blevins, Megan Caldwell, Neil Colucci, Rinrada Daengprok, Chanler Fedkow, Daniel Hebert, Emma Howey, Mireille Kuzwa, Cathryn Leies, Megan Lencke, Sophia Lopez-Navarijo, Catherine Lovejoy, Harley Miniard, Jackson Mitchell, Meixuan Mu, Anh Pham, Corrine Ruble, Brittney Sargent, Charlie Sniezek.

### White Service Award (50 - 74 hours from 6/19 - 5/20)

Olivia Bartlett, Taylor Cops, Michael Cozart, Marie Hughes, Payton Hunt, Tyler Jachimski, Roseanne Kemper, Gabriel Keydoszius, Antong Lei, Caterina McNamara, Summer Medina, Zachary Merz, Julia Nemeth, Adrianna Seely, Janelle Soto

### Red Service Award (25-49 hours from 6/19-5/20)

Madyson Barner, Victoria Bartlett, Alaina Casey, Phillip Cicero, Carly Cogan, Jaden Dahm, Logan Delisle, Maddie Erby, Lauren Heil, Emily Helm, Kathryn Hildebrant, Kristin Hildebrant, Sam Howard, Mitchell Johnson, Julia Keller, Donovan Lajeunesse, Shengyuan Lu, John Mattamana, Jingya Nie, Eli Patton, Kate Reuter, Lindsey Rhule, Braeden Shelek, Kenneth Smith, Aileen Solis, Miles Smith-Custer, Allie Stefanek, Luke Swinford, Michael Taylor, Branden Waggoner, Luke Wittmann



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## FUTURE PLANS FOR OUR SENIORS

Molly Adams	Sinclair Community College
Johnny Adkins	Medaille College (Biology)
Grant Arnold	The Ohio State University (Computer Science and Engineering)
Jessica Babros	University of Cincinnati (Biomedical Engineering)
Haily Baker	STNA program (Nurse's Aide)
Rebecca Barbaro	The Ohio State University (Dietetics)
Spencer Barbour	Workforce
John Barclay	AAA Tire and Auto General Service Technician
Madyson Barner	Wright State University (Social Work)
Julia Barnes	Gap year - then EMT/Firefighter
Megan Baron	The Ohio State University (Computer Science)
Olivia Bartlett	Wright State University (Chemistry)
Victoria Bartlett	Wright State University (Spanish Education)
Donovan Baumgartner	Sinclair Community College (Liberal Arts)
Kathryn Baxley	Undeclared
Mara Beam	The Ohio State University (Computer and Information Science)
Evan Beard	University of Cincinnati (Electrical Engineering)
Abigail Bertke	Sinclair Community College (Marine Biology)
Paige Bey	Wright State University (Criminal Justice)
Olivia Bistrek	University of Dayton (Discover Engineering)
Trey Blevins	Working in LA/Movies
Cameron Bratchette	Sinclair Community College
Megan Caldwell	Otterbein University (Biology)



Jonoah Carter	Wright State University (Criminal Justice)
Alaina Casey	Ohio Northern University (Business)
Samantha Ciarlo	Sinclair Community College (Elementary Education)
Phillipn Cicero	University of Dayton (Political Science)
Alyssa Clark	Sinclair Community College (History)
Nathan Coffey	Sinclair Community College (Associative Science)
Carly Cogan	University of Dayton (Middle Childhood Education)
Neil Colucci	University of Dayton (Finance)
Andrew Connair	University of Cincinnati (Mechanical Engineering)
Jillian Copley	Wright State University (Nursing)
Taylor Cops	Bellarmine University (Psychology)
Michael Cozart	University of Dayton (Education and Health Sciences)
Colin Czyzak	Wright State University (Mechanical Engineering)
Rinrada Daengprok	Sinclair Community College (Biology)
Jaden Dahm	University of Dayton (Finance)
Logan Delisle	Indiana University-Bloomington (Environmental Science)
Breana Devillier	University of Cincinnati (Architectural Engineering)
James DeWall	University of Dayton (Electrical Engineering)
Jacquiline Eckhart	University of Dayton (Communications/ Digital Media Production)
Madison Erby	Kettering College (Nursing)
Haoran Fan	Berklee College of Music (Music Technology)
Chanler Fedkow	Miami University (Sports Management and Leadership)
Tayler Fenton	University of Cincinnati (Psychology)
Raven Ferguson	Wright State University
Trenton Fox	University of Dayton (Computer Engineering)



Luke Galiardo	Sinclair Community College (Early Childhood Education)
Haley Garrett	Wright State University (Criminal Justice)
Colleen Gavin	Wright State University (Medicine)
Kade Greer	Wright State University (Education)
Eli Haney	The Ohio State University
Amelia Harlow	University of Dayton (Pre-Med and Medicine & Society)
Hary, Laura	Miami University-Oxford (Allied Health Sciences)
Kaichen He	Arizona State University-Tempe
Daniel Hebert	University of Cincinnati (Marketing)
Lauren Heil	Marshall University (Criminal Justice)
Alyssa Helm	Sinclair Community College (Forensic Psychology)
Emily Helm	University of Dayton (Psychology)
Madison Hennessey	Gap year
Olivia Hickman	University of Dayton (Pre Medicine)
Kathryn Hildebrant	University of Cincinnati
Kristin Hildebrant	University of Cincinnati (Industrial Design)
Hill, Jamen	Trade (Electrician)
Regan Holkema	Sinclair Community College
Samuel Howard	Wright State University (Nursing)
Emma Howey	Indiana University-Bloomington (Economic Consulting)
Zhenya Huber	Lipscomb University (Animation)
Marie Hughes	University of Cincinnati (Nursing)
Payton Hunt	Fordham University (Political Science)
Tyler Jachimski	The Ohio State University (Biomedical Engineering)
Evan Jankowski	University of Cincinnati (Pre Physical Therapy)



Justin Jenkins	University of Dayton
Aaron Jobe	Sinclair Community College (Pursue a Hockey Career in Minors)
lan Johnson	Sinclair Community College (intervention Specialist)
Mitchell Johnson	Sinclair Community College (Forensics)
Patricia Johnson-Woods	Wright State University (International Business)
Todd Jokerst	Georgia Institute of Technology (Mechanical Engineering)
Calen Jones	Wright State University
Jacques Kagiraneza	Sinclair Community College (Aviation Technology/Pilot)
Julia Keller	Sinclair Community College (Biology)
Roseanne Kemper	Kettering College (Bachelor's of Science in Human Biology)
Gabriel Keydoszius	Sinclair Community College
Jason King Jr.	Sinclair Community College
Mireille Kuzwa	Sinclair (Paralegal/Psychology)
Donovan LaJeunesse	The University of Memphis (Biology)
Jonathan LaJeunesse	University of Dayton
Mason Lauricella	The Ohio State University
Daniel Lawless	University of Dayton
Anthony Lawton	Sinclair Community College (Video Game Design and Development)
Antong Lei	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Cathryn Leies	Clemson University (Engineering)
Megan Lencke	The Ohio State University (Zoology)
Cecilia Leopold	University of Dayton (Psychology)
Sophia Lopez - Navarijo	University of Dayton (Education)
Catherine Lovejoy	Clark State Community College
Shengyuan Lu	University of California-Irvine (Computer Science)



Andrew Malesko	Sinclair Community College (Environmental Sciences)
Camdyn Marsh	University of Cincinnati (Sports Administration)
Mackinze Martel	Working full time
Ashley Martin	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Computation and Cognition)
John Mattamana	The Ohio State University (Health Sciences)
Logan Maurer	Bowling Green State University
Marissa May	Sinclair Community College (Paralegal)
Mathew McMahan	Gap year
Caterina McNamara	University of Dayton (Journalism )
Summer Medina	Sinclair Community College (Business/ Dental Hygiene at Sinclair then UD)
Zachary Merz	Sinclair Community College (Mechanical Engineering)
Gage Miller	Sinclair Community College (Biology)
Abigail Minc	Saint Louis University (Criminology and Criminal Justice)
Harley Miniard	Sinclair Community College (Photographic Technology )
Jackson Mitchell	Sinclair Community College (Acting)
Tristan Moan	Eastern Gateway Community College (Software Engineering)
William Moddeman	The Ohio State University (Public Policy)
Mark Montgomery	Full Sail University
Hwan Kyu Moon	Indiana University-Bloomington
Ethan Moyer	Sinclair Community College (Nursing)
Meixuan Mu	Savannah College of Art and Design
Julia Nemeth	Emerson College (Writing, Literature, and Publishing)
Jingyu Nie	Boston University (Economics)
Martin O'Grady	Mechanical Engineering
Alexis Ortiz	Marine Corps.



Michael Osgood	Purdue University (Engineering)
Justin Parlette	University of Dayton (International Studies)
Eli Patton	The Ohio State University
Anh Pham	University of Dayton (Adolescence to Young Adult Education)
Matthew Polanka	Virginia Tech (Aerospace Engineering)
Marley Popadak	Tattoo Apprenticeship
Caden Potts	University of Cincinnati (Information Technology)
Ethan Ramby	Wright State University (Pre-Dentistry)
Angel Ramirez	Sinclair Community College (Construction Management Technology)
Katelyn Reuter	The Ohio State University (International Business)
Lindsey Rhule	Sinclair Community College (Nursing)
Cooper Roberts	Transylvania University
Jillian Roberts	Ohio Northern University (Biology)
Brandon Roland	Gap year (Art)
Nicholas Romano	Sinclair Community College
Gregory Romer	Wright State University (Business)
Corrine Ruble	University of Toledo (Bioengineering)
Madeleine Sanders	University of Notre Dame
Morgan Sanko	Working full time
Brittney Sargent	Ohio University (Biology)
Justin Schiessler	Sinclair Community College (Finance)
Meghan Schrand	Miami University (Political Science)
Adrianna Seely	University of Cincinnati (Communications)
Jessamyn Seely	Bowling Green State University (Psychology)
Avianna Seymour	Wright State University (Pre Medicine)



Braeden Shelek	University of Cincinnati (Sports Administration)
Christopher Short	University of Cincinnati (Electrical Engineering)
Madelyn Short	Columbus State Community College (Biology)
Joseph Smith	Miami University-Oxford (Sports Management)
Kenneth Smith	University of Dayton (Criminal Justice Studies)
Paige Smith	University of Cincinnati (Urban Planning)
Patrick Smith	University of Dayton (Mechanical Engineering/ Aerospace Engineering)
Taylor Smith	United States Army
Zane Smith	University of Dayton (Criminal Justice)
Franklin Smith-Custer	United States Coast Guard Academy (Mechanical Engineering)
Charles Sniezek	University of Cincinnati (Mechanical Engineering)
Alieen Solis	Wright State University
Janelle Soto	University of Cincinnati (Biology)
Katherine Springer	Hondros College Real Estate
Curtis Sprowl	Work full time
Jackson Stanard	University of Dayton (Business)
Allison Stefanek	Sinclair Community College
Luke Swinford	University of Dayton (Business Management)
Michael Taylor	University of Dayton (Electrical Engineering)
Charlie Thompson	Miami University
Blossom Uwishema	Wright State University (Nursing)
Joshua Vagedes	Coast Guard AST
Ryan Vaughn	Work full time
Anthony Vazquez	The University of Findlay
Branden Waggoner	University of Cincinnati (Marketing)



Garrett Walker	Army Military Police
Melody Walling	Sinclair Community College (Real Estate)
Heather Walter	University of Dayton (Business)
Haoyu Wang	Arizona State University-Tempe
Andrew Ware	University of Dayton (Engineering)
Mandi Weitz	University of Cincinnati (Dance and Nutrition)
Gregory White	Bowling Green State University
Madison Wiley	Undeclared
Kellen Williams	Cyber Investigation Technology
Luke Wittmann	University of Dayton (Civil Engineering)
Kaleb Wourms	Bowling Green State University (French Education)
Tyler Wuebben	Ohio University (Environmental Sciences)
Yiyun Xie	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Shiqi Yang	University of California-Santa Cruz (Marine Biology)
Maria Yates	University of Dayton (Pre Physical Therapy)

### Senior Superlatives Class of 2020

#### **CUTEST SMILE**

Carly Cogan Charlie Thompson

#### **PRETTIEST EYES**

Abigail Bertke Ryan Vaughn

#### **BEST HAIR**

Kate Reuter Curtis Sprowl

### **BEST FIGURE/BUILD**

Alaina Casey Martin O'Grady

#### **BEST DRESSED**

Harley Miniard Justin Schiessler

#### **BEST ADVICE**

Marie Hughes Justin Parlette

#### **CLASS CLOWN**

Alyssa Clark Neil Colucci

#### **BEST MANNERS**

Mandi Weitz Grant Arnold

#### **MOST SPIRITED**

Jillian Roberts Kade Greer

### MOST ARTISTIC

Cecilia Leopold Trey Blevins

#### **MOST TALENTED**

Caterina McNamara Kellen Williams

#### MOST CHANGED FROM FRESHMAN YEAR

Olivia Hickman Braeden Shelek

#### MOST LIKELY TO BE PRESIDENT

Payton Hunt Kaleb Wourms

#### **MOST ATHLETIC**

Julia Keller Donovan LaJeunesse

#### MOST LIKELY TO CHEER YOU UP

Anh Pham Jackson Stanard

#### MOST LIKELY TO END UP TEACHING AT

**CARROLL** Victoria Bartlett Michael Cozart

#### **CUTEST COUPLE**

Avianna Seymour Luke Wittmann

#### **CLASS FLIRT**

Logan Delisle Evan Jankowski

#### **CLASS DEBATERS**

Raven Ferguson Michael Taylor

#### MOST ACCIDENT PRONE Corrine Ruble Jonathan LaJeunesse



#### **SLEEPYHEAD** Taylor Smith

Andrew Ware

### **BEST HALL ROAMER**

Melody Walling Eli Haney

#### MOST LIKELY TO HAVE A REALITY TV SHOW

Mireille Kuzwa Gabe Keydoszius

#### MOST CONTAGIOUS LAUGH

Rebecca Barbaro Luke Swinford

#### MOST LAID BACK

Mara Beam Evan Beard

#### MOTHERLY/FATHERLY FIGURE

Emma Howey KJ Smith



By Nick Lu

### Senior Bequeaths...

- 1, Jessica Babros, bequeath the title of Cap'n' to Ellie Trusty.
- 1, Camdyn Marsh, bequeath my frisbee to Ms. Mulligan.
- 1, Angel Ramirez, bequeath my 172 parking spot to my sister, Kati.
- 1, Breanna Devillier, bequeath my ability to guess right answers on tests to David Ferguson.
- 1, Julia Nemeth, bequeath the same desk I have sat in for three years in Ms. O'Malley's room to Catie Orban.
- 1, Franklin Smith-Custer, bequeath my senior track career to the Carroll Track Team.
- 1, Avianna Seymour, bequeath the dedication and devotion towards Carroll Cross Country to Trinity Raber.
- 1, Jackson Stanard, bequeath loyal, valuable friends to Mara Beam.
- 1, Maddie Erby, bequeath the loud person role in family room to Destiny Wright.
- 1, Adrianna Seely, bequeath all the horrible hairstyles I've had the past four years to Morgan Sanko.
- 1, Pear Rinrada Daengprok, bequeath high school spirit and an amazing year to Hannah Chen.
- 1, Lauren Heil, bequeath being overly loud and annoying at softball games to Ellie Trusty and Grace Randall.
- 1, Morgan Sanko, bequeath all high school memories to all the people I have made memories with these past four years.
- 1, Ethan Moyer, bequeath a bag of Sour Patch Kids to Zach Davis.
- 1, Brandon Roland, bequeath my pencils to Hunter Fitterer.
- 1, Matt McMahan, bequeath the Carroll Baseball stud reputation to Jacob Mauer.
- 1, Payton Hunt, bequeath the presidency of Youth in Government to Ryan Ballou.
- 1, Victoria Bartlett, leave all my Senorita Ashworth homework to my brother Nathan with the best of luck for next year.
- 1, Regan Holkema, bequeath Baltimore spirit to Riley Holkema.
- 1, Carly Cogan, bequeath the legendary Wildore to Allison Schafer.
- 1, Paige Bey, bequeath the blue stat clipboard to Logan Druck.



- 1, John Mattamana, bequeath all of my clout and unbelievably handsome looks to Javier Barajas.
- 1, Jillian Roberts, bequeath my Patriot spirit to Ava Lickliter.
- I, Kenneth Smith, bequeath Kenneth Shahady the title of "coolest Kenneth at Carroll", aka "The better Kenneth".
- 1, Daniel Hebert, bequeath the title of "CEO of memes" to Curtis Sprow.
- 1, Luke Wittmann, bequeath the passion and leadership of a senior on Carroll Cross Country to Drew Maxwell.
- 1, Caterina McNamara, bequeath Shamrock Shake runs to Megan Braun and Tess Schlegel.
- 1, Curtis Sprowl, bequeath spicy memes to Donovan Baumgardner.
- 1, Marie Hughes, bequeath Baltimore spirit to Destiny Wright that she may maintain my legacy.



### Faculty Memories and Advice for the Class of 2020

**Miss Mary Kate Caserta:** Best advice I received as a senior in high school, "find a mentor and listen, really listen, to their experiences and advice. It will benefit you in the long run."

Mrs. Jodi Shannon: I remember how the Class of 2020 vowed to be Golden Megaphone Finalists again.....and DID IT!!!!

Mrs. Linda Edwards: Class of 2020--It's been a pleasure! Keep learning and fix some of these problems we have, will you? Best of luck!

Senorita Ashworth: To the GREAT class of 2020, I am always inspired by your spirit, your class, and your intelligence. Stay sassy, stay fly, and stay smart. You only have a couple months left to be a "kid", soak them up.

I always look forward to PATS retreat with our seniors. This year we missed out on that together, but I look forward to the day when we can pray together again. I always share the bible verse: Exodus 14:13 "Do not fear, stand your ground and see the victory the Lord will win for you today, the Lord will fight for you, you have only to keep still." I also always share a song with the line: "You gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser" -Des'ree Find the song, turn it up, and take time to pray about this next beautiful chapter that awaits you in the upcoming months. Stay woke, I will miss each of you dearly.

Mrs. Laurie Fuhr: Here is advice that all of my students will know very well. "Try EVERYTHING...unless it is illegal or immoral!"

Mrs. Ann Bertke: I think my best memories from the Class of 2020 come from the journal entries and projects you have completed. We started off the year with the simple quote from our summer reading:



"Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." — Viktor E. Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning.* We ended with *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and the lesson that we ALL have purpose, even in the most humblest of lives. Congratulations Class of 2020, and take these lessons with you!

Senora Branum: To the sweet class of 2020 - I have loved watching you grow up over the last four years! You have met many challenges since your freshman year and you handled them with grace and forgiveness (most of the time:) Your relationship with the Lord has grown as you have experienced retreats, realized that you are a princess, and celebrated mass together. As you leave Carroll, know that the Lord goes with you! He will never leave your side, even in this crazy world today! I will miss talking with you, praying with you, sharing lotion with you, living life with you! You are a strong, intelligent, funny, sweet class of 2020!

Mrs. Mary Ollier: You - the class of 2020 - are a group of students unlike any other! From freshmen in our 'new' houses to the leaders of our school community and beyond, you have made your mark on Carroll High School and we are better for your being here. It has been a joy and privilege to teach and encourage you as you've learned and grown. Be salt and light for each other, and never doubt your ability to change the world in amazing ways!

Mrs. Elizabeth Emser: Before they were seniors, I knew the Class of 2020 was a special group. Driving the seniors around during summer work camp allowed me to see their servant attitudes and love for our community. This class is passionate about bringing good to this world. They got down and dirty in gardens in the hot summer sun, shared their enthusiasm and love with young children, and served food to those in most need in our city. Although some will stay in Dayton and some will leave and join new communities, I know the Class of 2020 will continue serving others wherever their journeys may lead them. Congrats, Class of 2020. Go out and serve!

Miss Meghan Mulligan: --My advice for the class of 2020: -Always look on the back page of an exam before turning it in. ---If you didn't have to redo data collection in a chemistry lab, you probably did something wrong, you just don't know it yet. - -Eventually you will fail something- a try-out, an essay, an exam, a personal goal- but don't let that stop you. Look failure in the face and say, "I will try again." --- Take an early class or sign up for an early shift. It's nice to feel like you've accomplished something before lunch time. --Plus, there is no better feeling than sipping tea in the morning and watching the sun rise. ---Call those you love. Don't just text them. ---If you don't feel ready for the next big life step, you're going to be okay. No one ever feels ready. ---Bloom where you're planted!

Mrs. Diane Keller: Congratulations Class of 2020. Your class is full of bright computer scientists and engineers. Follow your dreams and your accomplishments will be many. Blessings for all!

Mrs. Laura Wright: Best of luck to the class of 2020! Congratulations on your many accomplishments and for your resilience during this unexpected ending to your high school career. I am especially proud of all of the lives you have saved through our blood drives. As you venture off into the world keep donating! It is always a *great day to be a Patriot* and save three lives!

Mrs. Melissa Fisher: Seniors-- thanks for being blessings in my life. I will always remember the homemade slip and slide from Workcamp. Remember these essential quotes--(1) "You never leave your partner in a fire." (from *Fireproof*) and (2) "Dear young people, do not bury your talent, the gift that God has given you! Do not be afraid of great things"--Pope Francis. May service to others be a part of your lives. Blessings to the Class of 2020!

Mrs. Jill Kilby: My dear class of 2020...You are special to me! Here are my best mom words of wisdom to you: 1. Be kind always. 2. Don't sweat the small stuff. 3. Past mistakes do not define you. 4. Whenever something bad happens remember: this, too, shall pass. 5. When you feel overwhelmed remember: how do you eat an



elephant? One bite at a time! 6. You are greatly loved by the One who created you. 7. When you doubt, play "You Say" by Lauren Daigle 8. Come back and visit so we can celebrate your accomplishments with you!

Mrs. Toni Weitz: To the Class of 2020: "Too often we underestimate the importance of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around" (Leo Buscaglia). --Wise words. I want all of you to remember to smile. Soon, life will get back to some kind of normal and we will fall into our routines. It is so easy to get involved with our own lives that we forget to look around and see others. And we all have our own personalities and levels of friendliness...but I can tell you from experience with all of you at the bookstore that your smiles can light up someone's day. They have brightened my life in so many ways. A simple smile when you pass someone on the street, or sit by someone in class, or buy a cheeseburger at the fast food joint, has potential to make a difference in another person's day. Remember that. I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors- and lots of smiles along the way.

Mr. Chris Sorrell: 15 years ago, on August 24, 2005, I started my teaching career at Precious Blood School. Kellen Williams, Cameron Bratchette, and Regan Holkema started at Precious Blood Pre-school that same day. I met them when they were just munchkins, and eventually they were in my classes when they reached Junior High. Of course I did my commercials in class about Catholic High Schools and encouraged all my students to take a strong look at my Alma Mater; Carroll. I was thrilled when these three kids chose to be Patriots, and two months after they decided, and on their last day of 8th grade, I was lucky enough to be offered a teaching job at Carroll. I have never taught a day without these kids in my building, and they, like it or not, have had me in their building every day they've ever come to school. I feel a bond with all our 2020 graduates, for they started Carroll the same day I returned home to teach here. My bond with Kellen, Cam, and Regan however, is as unique as it is unlikely. It's been an honor to be with them each day and watch them grow from toddlers to adults. So if you think you see a tear or two in my eyes when these friends walk at graduation, at least you'll know why.

Mrs. Marcy Hughes: I have many memories of the Class of 2020 scholars tucked away: praying the Serenity prayer together-- "to accept the things we cannot change, and the courage to change the things we can," enjoying 8th grade lip syncs, murder mystery and online improvs, and even stage fighting *with yourself* in Theater Arts, writing and sharing screen play segments, fairy tales, poetry, final Senior Memory book projects on flipgrids in Creative Writing, observing the rigor of group peer editing of movie analysis papers, developing argumentative research papers, and deep discussions in the classroom and online with *Streetcar* and *GWTW* in my CCP classes, having my Marie in class two periods a day, being a *family room mom* to Michael, Justin, Sophia, Angus, Maddie, Megan, Molly, and Toni, connecting with Baltimore captains --watching *all* of you grow. These moments of clarity, creativity, and laughter are etched in my memory of you. Be true to yourselves and to your gifts. You've got this!



### **Memories**

Here Looking back onto every moment until now There's a lot to unpack out of An endless bag of memories Each one different, In color In shape In emotion Some made me question everything Some broke me down to my core Some just made me think about everything I've done But most weren't like that at all Most inspired me, Changed me, Helped me I experienced love And friendship And laughter I've gotten more out the bag of memories this year Than I ever have before

-----Cat McNamara

#### Starry Night ... Growing Up by Brandon Roland

Being 7 years old and full of imagination I would look up at the night sky and be in awe at its constellations

The shapes that the stars were making were like drawings that God made on a piece of paper No plane nor skyscraper could ever dream of reaching the celestial equator

Looking up at the night sky my imagination would run vivid

Space ships would be battling with each other not even stopping for a minute

Portals and realities were bending and becoming twisted

The creative imagination I was gifted took me to heights much greater than the sun

Shooting stars rained over the entire solar system granting the planets a spectacular light show

I could feel the celestial energy flowing throughout everything around me

As time goes on and I grow to know how cruel the world down here can be

I lost the gift that was given to me in my adolescence.

When I look up at the night sky and see the moon I can feel a little essence of my innocence that I lost before.

Memories by: Summer Medina

Countless laughs and smiles, That is what Carroll brought to me. I have learned to love and grow, This is my community. Once a Carroll Patriot, Always a Carroll Patriot. The biggest lesson that Carroll taught me, Is to love unconditionally And to rely on my community. I am proud to call Carroll my community! Thank you for everything <3 And to my fellow senior classmates, Thank you for accepting me, Even though I only came my sophomore year. Every memory that we have shared will be cherished forever! Lastly, Thank you to my house, Mercy! You have taught me patience and the virtue of true friendship. I have found my forever home, and will truly miss my family room 106 <3

Flying by Alaina Casey

Senior year went down way too fast Justlike Mrs. Hughes did that day in class The date was the House Captain Retreat, Where people talked and people did eat We all sat down, House by House To talk and write and eat and laugh The table was loaded with our Mexican food While we waited on Mrs. Hughes to complete the group Her footbehind her got caught on the gym mat, While her plate of food may have made a splat She tripped on her foot and her food went flying, Just to land straight on the table -I'm not lying Just like the food-through the air she flew But then was stopped quickly by the table, too. Thank goodness Mrs. Hughes was okay--But the Baltimore captains were not that day This event took every ounce of willpower To control our laughs that lasted for hours.

#### It All Remains A Dream by Jill Roberts

I blinked and all my senior hopes and wishes remain a dream. Since I was a little girl, I have always dreamt of being a Carroll Patriot. I wanted to play soccer under the lights, play basketball in the echoing gym, be a leader, support my classmates, attend dances, but most importantly, graduate. I am thankful for the opportunities as I have gotten to play soccer, basketball, become a leader, attending sporting events, and all the other things a high school student loves to do. I never thought my basketball team and I would make a run to the State semi finals and then get told we are no longer able to play fifteen minutes before game time. That opportunity is one I will never get back. I played my last basketball game ever without knowing it. My senior prom was the dance I looked forward to most, and I will no longer be able to dress up in the pretty dress I bought. It is crazy to hope I will get the chance to walk across the stage to receive my high school diploma. There were a lot of lasts that came too early this year. But as I reflect over my last four years, I am blessed to have received the experience I did. I am grateful for the friendships I have formed with not only my peers, but also the administration. I can not wait until all my classmates and I can meet up at our five year reunion to catch up on the last quarter we all missed together. As Mr. Sableski always says, "It truly is a great day to be a Patriot."



Trip to Action Appalachia By Jess Seely

Cackles and fervent whispers from the archaic The food was simple, the people kind Large windows overlooking the mountain range green seats of the bus The rumble of the misty highway beneath deadened by November's chill heavy tires Hiking a mountain with burning lungs and krrr-unch shaking legs The drive took hours The rustling of the wind between the branches of ancient trees and the crackles of dry, dead We spent that time asking each other questions: Who's your favorite superhero? If you could leaves beneath our feet live anywhere, where would it be? The branches of the trees reach out and snag on Cramped and dingy rest stops covered in our clothes, begging us to stay, to make a home cobwebs and neglect here with them A gleaming white semi-trailer with black font: Comradery on the ride home The purr of the engine—humming gently and EGGS swaying us into peace as we enjoy each other's Arriving in Campton and stretching aching muscles company We hauled a never-ending stream of boxes The clouds weep a gentle rain to grace our Work is done and weary heads bowed heads as we spill into the parking lot and make Finding respite in a local diner with polished, our way to the comforts of home white tiles and accented in candy-apple red Pained to leave behind the serenity of the day. vinyl

A cat growls from the corner of the diner, impatient and wanting her belly filled

### Being Part of the Journey by Allie Stefanek

This year is one to remember. My favorite senior memories include women's basketball making it to state and being in the student section for basketball games. Student sections are one of the best things about senior year. You get to be in the front row and decide all of the themes. The best turnout for our student section was the one against Badin. We were so loud and our student section was very big. People from the other school even complimented us. That will forever be remembered. We ended up being Golden Megaphone finalists. Women's basketball making it to state was another great memory. Even though they weren't able to finish the tournament due to the Coronavirus, being a part of the journey is something unforgettable. Having the school support us through it all was amazing. Senior year is amazing and I will have memories to forever keep.

### Pure Joy and School Spirit by Lauren Heil

One of my favorite memories from my time at Carroll is when the football team beat Alter this year. After 17 years and such a close game, that pure joy and school spirit is something I'll never forget. After going to almost every football game for 4 years, I was so happy for the boys and that win was well deserved :)



#### We Will Never SAY GOODBYE By Angus Fan

The buildings are surrounded by flowers and trees. There is a big electronic board in front of the flagpole. You can reach the building within several steps. At the top of the building there are several words written: *Carroll High School*. This is the school where I spent my last 4 years. In this area, there are fewer people than in my hometown, but this town's people watched me become an adult with their kindness and their passion. It has become one of my best and most unforgettable memories.

4 years ago, I left my hometown and my family to start my journey to Ohio: a new place to go, a new life I had to start. I lived with an American family. I usually called the male host: Dad, and female host: Mom. I think this is the best way to decrease the gap between all of us. Dad owns a Dairy Queen, which is down to the Xenia Road; and Mom works for Dayton Children's as a nurse. So everyone tells me that I have unlimited ice-cream and I will never be ill. In addition I attend Carroll High School which is 1 mile drive from the house. I remember my first year grades were not that good, and I didn't get any A's in my first semester. With new surroundings and new people, everything was challenging my poor English skills.

It's hard to deal with the stress that the natives don't have: Language. Whereas, I'm so thankful that I have the skills in music. So most of the time, I would love to practice my guitar or my vocals while I had nothing to do. So what I get from my freshman year is my music skills that I never imagined I could reach, but what is the price for this? That is my grades. I realized that I'm a student, so I had to make my grades better. So in the second semester, I put more time into the school work. The nice thing is, teachers really love to help you out of the plight that you have. So I got 3 A's on my final second semester grades. I still remember the joy that it brought to me. I acted like I made a hundred dollar deal with someone.

In my sophomore year, I realized I had to have more relationships So I started to jump off of that fence and started to talk to someone, but I was still really nervous about speaking a different language--until Homecoming came. While I was there, I suddenly realized people would love to talk to me and share their thoughts with me. That acted as an ice-beaker boot for me to strike my nerves. After that day, I noticed my foot was totally jumping over that fence.

Something else happened in my sophomore year which really changed my life; it was the musical orchestra. That year, Mr. Soucek gave me a chance to get involved in the orchestra of *Camp Rock*. I take this task, and I think that's the biggest event that I had attended during my high school era. I had never been in an orchestra, so there was a problem for me to follow the beats of the band. On those days, I practiced my guitar 4 hours a day, and maybe just for a repeat melody within many times. Practice can be boring, however, when the lights were down, and the applause came, I noticed it's worth doing all these hours of practicing. The greatest gift that it gave me is the confidence: to be confident and to show your talent to everyone. On the other hand, hard work always can help you to be better.

After the World Cup 2018, my junior year came. I attended the international orientation before the school was open. That made me feel the dramatic changes in myself: 2 years ago someone helped me in this orientation, but this time everything turned around. I loved to help the new international students solve their issues and help them out of their plights, like my teachers helped me in my freshman year. Besides that, the challenges came.

The first challenge for me was the SAT test, I didn't do well while I tried it. The classwork also had some challenges called: AP. I didn't take that much AP as my roommate, but I did take AP Macroeconomics. Everyday, I had to face the supply, demand graph and to solve the problems within the examples. I realized I can understand the materials, but if the teacher changed the way that they asked, I would totally be out of control. I started to notice that the economic realm is not my favorite career that I want to pursue, so I had to find what I really want to do in my future.

I took this question and walked into my senior year. With an easier class I can spend more time on SAT tests and college applications. When I filled out the colleges that I wanted to apply to, I secretly put Berklee College of Music into the list. My favorite singer graduated from that school, with his performance, I always wondered what kind of colleges gave him so many creative thoughts about music. So Berklee has been my dream college since my freshman year. However, I know it's hard to take a step into the career of music; there are so many obstacles. Whereas I realized there was a different confidence for me when I got onto the stage and performed the songs.



I realized I belonged to the stage! So I scheduled the interview and auditioned for Berklee; on the first day of the Christmas break night, I got the offer! Like I always said, that's what God wants me to be, so I accepted this college and am ready to start my career in music.

You can say 4 years is fast; it's full of happiness, plights of teens, and memories. Then it's time to graduate. With the condition that we have, we became the most special graduates in Carroll High School history. We attended the rest of our classwork in our own homes, and we couldn't get a face to talk with our friends as a classmate. I can't see Mrs. Hughes use her warm eye contact while I sit just in front of her desk during family time; I can't hear Mrs. Fisher saying 'Sweeties' instead of students' names; I can't gossip with my classmates about how handsome that Mr. Joplin is; I can't hear Coach Ashworth's old jokes and the way he laughs at himself... However, these stories all become my best memories in my heart. I met these people in my best time of my life. Thanks to all the people that I met at Carroll, which is full of love. I would love to become one of your memories; and it's my pleasure that you have become one of the crucial memories of my life. Now, I am going to go to Boston and take a new step of my life. Moreover, it's time for me to say goodbye to this high school and Dayton. But I want to say: "We will never SAY GOODBYE."

#### Carroll Memories by Samantha Ciarlo

I've had so many memories at Carroll. I remember my first day; I was scared. I came from a very small school, so when I walked into the gym and saw all the people there, I assumed it was the entire school--I was absolutely shocked when I learned it was a sea of freshmen!

There were so many firsts at Carroll. We went to the first football game, enjoyed our first sock hop, experienced our first Spirit Week, studied for our first midterms. My class and I grew more and more. We supported one another. When summer came, we had to say goodbye to one of our own--Mackenna. We came together as a community to try and figure out this loss. We cried on each others' shoulders. We were all broken by this loss, but we continued on.

As sophomores, we greeted the new freshmen class. We became more confident, and we let our personalities out. We stressed over more tests. We went to our first Homecoming. Some of us started to learn how to drive. Others got our first jobs. We all began to realize college was not a far off dream.

Junior year started normally, but our class was more outgoing than ever. We were voicing our opinions. We were writing paper after paper. We were dancing the night away at our first prom. We were competing in House competitions. We were cramming for tests. We cried at Junior retreat. We became close as a class and now realized that our high school careers were coming to a close.

Senior year began and we were determined to make it count. Our time had finally begun. We were the leaders this year, and we would let our voices be known. We changed up the schedule. We started new clubs. We wrote college essays. We comforted each other when we didn't get into our dream school, but we celebrated when one of our classmates got into theirs. We made promises of friendship. We sang our hearts out in Carpool Karaoke. Even when times got rough, we never gave up. Then, our perfect year came to a screeching halt. We were told that we would be starting online classes. We were scared. We tried to look on the bright side, but we were confused on what to do next. The trips we planned were cancelled. The musical was postponed, and we prayed we would have a graduation. Yet, in our time of need, we came together again. We reached out to our classmates. We held virtual proms. We never gave up. Now, our year has come to an end. It's not the ending that we had all imagined, but perhaps it could be even better. We have a chance to show the world what we are made of. We can show the world that no matter what life throws our way, we will not give up. Why? Because we are the class of 2020.

### Remembering Carroll High

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We are Carroll High School. We bleed RED, WHITE, and BLUE. Cheering loud in the football stadium Student section filled to the brim, representing our school colors. PATS Retreats Work Camp Band & Cheer Competitions Tailgating before the football games First freshman class to bring back sock hops First class to have a House system for four years The class born in the time of 9/11 We continue to fight our fight. No prom. No proper graduation No shaving cream fights and a spring musical No spring sports & one last time on the field We bleed our school colors Virtual classes Online prayer services Social distancing with only 6 feet apart RED, the sacrifices we have given up Online crowning of king and queen for prom court The knocks on our doors with gift baskets from friends and teachers The class of 2020 signs put in our yards Senior videos posted on social media Lighting up the Carroll stadium one last time WHITE, the unity within our class Voting for senior superlatives Signing up for graduation spots Reaching out to our classmates Celebrating in quarantine as best as we can Joining senior award prayer services Creating a class group chat-- making your classes feel normal

Doing yoga with Señorita Laughing at Mr. Byrd's jokes in times of need Saying the senior Serenity Prayer with Mrs. Hughes Watching Ms. O'Malley's singing videos on YouTube Mrs. Bowers making us send a funny joke on Go Guardian to know we are present Talking about Animal Crossing with Mrs. Bertke Making a "how to wash your hands" tik tok in Ms Fenske's cooking classes Ms Fenske reading Oh The Places You'll Go as students cry on the last day Miss B giving up on Calculus for a day and teaching about taxec Mrs. Bertke talking to students before class, making sure they're OK Making Flip Grids and peer responses in Creative Writing Quote of the day with Mr. Ochs Senorita answering a phone call in class, while speaking Spanish----- then realizing the caller could speak Spanish right back And many more memories that have been made. BLUE, the tears we have shed but strength we pushed through Accepting that we cannot change this pandemic. Remembering the moments we did not leave behind Leaving an imprint on those underclassmen Learning to understand independence, time management, and how important social interactions really are Learning that we are all in this together Even if our class cannot come face to face Remembering those faces we may not see again Cherishing the classes and moments we've had together. Class of 2020: we sacrifice, we unify, and we are strong. We bleed <u>RED</u> WHITE, and <u>BLUE</u>. We are Carroll High School.