



Freedom High School

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Dear Families of Freedom Seniors,

First off, I would like to congratulate you as your senior year comes to a close. I know this has been a difficult 4th quarter and it saddens me to know that you have not had the many experiences you were expecting or should expect as a high school senior. Having said that, the Freedom staff is working hard to make your end of the year activities as special as we possibly can while we shelter-in-place. Enclosed in this letter you will find a lot of information regarding end of the year activities and important updates.

We are all crossing our fingers that we will be able to have a special live/streamed graduation ceremony this June and the district and school board are paying close attention to the Governor and CDC regarding the shelter-in-place mandate and social distancing guidelines. I will continue to update you with information as it becomes available. I know that our seniors were hoping for a senior ball but unfortunately, due to the before mentioned regulations, we will not be able to host a senior ball.

However, we are planning some very special virtual activities for our seniors and I have listed those dates below. The links to these virtual activities will be available on the Class of 2020 Button on our webpage. <https://ca01001129.schoolwires.net/Page/18409> As we add more activities, we will send out emails to our families.

Senior Awards Night: May 7, 2020 after 3:00pm
Letter of Intent: May 15, 2020 after 3:00pm
Scholarship Night: May 21, 2020 after 3:00pm
Senior Luau: June 4, 2020 time TBD

Every year the Letter of Intent Assembly is a time for Freedom to honor and acknowledge the hard work of our graduates! We are excited to continue this tradition virtually on May 15th. We are asking that all seniors submit their video or picture to the link below to be included in this virtual event!

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The local educational agency (i.e. - Liberty Union High School District) adopted (has) a policy that prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived ancestry, age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Additionally, the local agency must have the following in their policies (and practices) in place:

The policy shall include the following: a) statement that it applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district.
b) Requires that school personnel take immediate steps to intervene when it is safe to do so and when he or she witnesses an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying.

Legal Citations: Education Code [EC] §§ 200, 220, 221.5, 234.1, 260; Government Code [GC] § 11135; Penal Code [PC] § 422.55; California Code of Regulations, Title 5 (5 CCR) §§ 4900, 4902, 4960.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bsSeXYwVl0uXor1txqc9Ijwd688p5pxDoukmHX3jejlUMkpCMk1SWFIwWDQwTU5BMkNaQVAyM0tZSi4u>

I would like to thank the community and the Liberty Union High School District for the support of our seniors and helping us to celebrate with Class of 2020 Senior signs! The staff was very excited and it brought tears to our eyes to see our students drive by and pick up their caps and gowns and signs. If you still need to pick up your cap and gown or your lawn sign, you can come to our drive-thru service next to the Administration Building on Tuesdays from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00. If you will need to borrow a cap and gown please call Stefanie Limperis (925)625-5900 x3002 or limperss@luhsd.net

I am pleased to announce this year's Valedictorian is Ana Jauregui and our Salutatorian is Vince Gerald Caballero. If you are interested in being the student speaker at this year's graduation, please complete the Google Survey below. You will be sent a Zoom invitation to do a live read of your speech in front of a panel of staff members. Your speech should be 1-2 minutes in length and the topic is Senior Sendoff. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Burke, Mr. Wilmore, or Ms. Johnston.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf47uO6aiNSBWqyYw6etY0I_V7MOaCeOMPg8IkLwJZXdEV7Fw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Additionally, the City of Oakley and Mayor Kevin Romick would like to recognize all the hard work of our seniors and honor the class of 2020. They would like to highlight individual seniors on the Oakley Civic Center marquee through June 12th. The deadline to submit senior portraits is May 22nd. Please use this link to submit your senior portrait. www.ci.oakley.ca.us/classof2020

I want to thank all of our seniors and their families for showing such care and compassion for one another and to FHS. This has been a difficult time for everyone but we will persevere and come out stronger than we were before. Once again, I congratulate you on your success!

Proud to be a Falcon,

Kelly Manke
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