

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. `Dr. Seuss

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COVID-19 crisis changed everything for Class of 2020

By Katrina Elsken

Independent Newsmedia

In the fall of 2019, area high school seniors started the year with the normal hopes and expectations for their senior year, with the full school calendar of sports, club and social activities normally associated with the final year of high school.

The school year started as expected. Students enjoyed the fall semester with Friday night football games, other sports, crowning the homecoming royalty, band competitions, rodeo, spending time with friends and all of the other activities that fill a high school senior's calendar.

In January, those who pay attention to international news started hearing about an outbreak of a new (novel) coronavirus. On Jan. 11, China reported the first known death, a 62-year-old man in Wuhan.

On Jan. 20, the World Health Organiza-

tion reported cases outside China. The following day, the United State announced the first confirmed case in Washington state. Elorida co

On Jan. 30, WHO declared a global public health emergency with more than 9,000 cases reported worldwide.

Travel restrictions were put in place. Cruise ship passengers found themselves quarantined.

On Feb. 11, WHO officially named the virus COVID-19.

As concerns about the spread of the virus grew, communities debated the best course of action in regard to public events. The traditional handshake greeting was discouraged. Increased hand washing was encouraged.

February fairs and festivals continued as planned in South Florida. But by the second week of March, Collier County made the decision that it was best to cancel the Immokalee Cattle Drive & Jamboree event Stores sold out of hand sanitizer and oilet paper.

Florida communities made some hard decisions to cancel public events, since the virus appeared to spread at mass gatherings. The Collier County Board of County Commissioners declared a Local State of Emergency in the county even though there was still no widespread impact.

Some schools started spring break a week early. Others extended spring break to two weeks.

When they left for spring break, students did not know they had left the classrooms for the remainder of the school year.

School officials spent the extended spring break coming up with plans for "distance learning." Schools provided students with computer tablets. Teachers scrambled to put together lessons for online classes. Parents found themselves supervising their children's lessons.

At first, both the schools and local officials did not know how long the "social isolation" period would last. They hoped to return to school in April, and then in May, and finally declared students would not return until the fall semester ... at the earliest.

Traditional "senior year" activities such as prom, honors awards night and grad night were canceled or moved online. The local communities tried to make things a little more special for the graduates by putting up signs and organizing "adopt a senior" programs.

With this special keepsake section, the *Immokalee Bulletin* congratulates the Class of 2020 on a successful completion of an unusual and challenging senior year, one never to be forgotten.

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Safety First at Collier County Public Schools to priority as seniors at Immokalee High School lined u

Safety First was the Collier County Public Schools top priority as seniors at Immokalee High School lined up, six feet apart, to take their graduation photo.

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Immokalee High School senior first in family to earn diploma

By Dale Conyers Immokalee Bulletin

IMMOKALEE - Graduating from high school is a huge accomplishment, especially for Tyler Crabtree an IHS senior, he became the first in his family to do so.

Immokalee High School (IHS) made sure its graduating seniors had a special moment to remember, even though it could not host a traditional graduation ceremony during this pandemic. So the school and the community hosted a parade for them.

Taylor was right there with his fellow seniors.

"I'm very honored to be first generation and set that standard and to make my family proud," Crabtree said.

He will continue to make them proud when he goes off to college on a full scholarship.

While he appreciates the parade the Immokalee community hosted for graduating seniors, he admits he's missed a lot the last couple of months.



Submitted photo Taylor Crabtree becomes the first member of his family to graduate from high school.

"The prom and grad bash were taken away and your senior season taken away, and now you have graduation taken away," he said. "You go your whole life as a student in a public school to graduate and walk the stage and make your family proud, and that's taken away."

"Senior year is a big thing in life," Taylor added, "But you have college and where you find a job."

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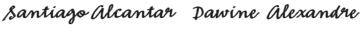
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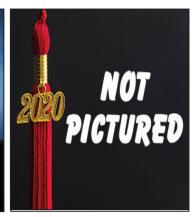


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Congratulations. **LASS OF 2020**

Although your commencement may not be what you envisioned, you should be proud of all your accomplishments. Resilience will be one of the defining features of your journey! May these unique circumstances inspire the Class of 2020 to make the world a better place.



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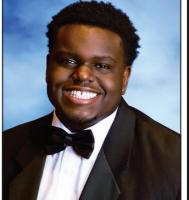


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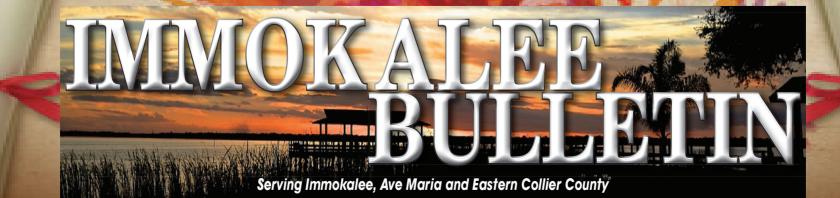
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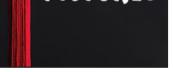












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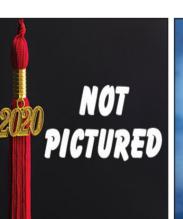
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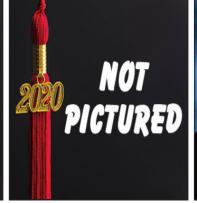


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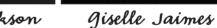
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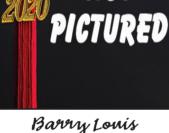
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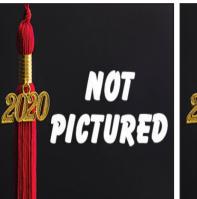
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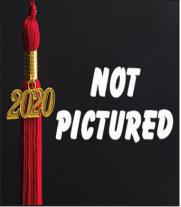
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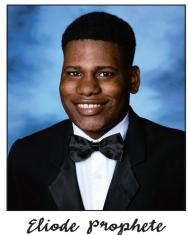




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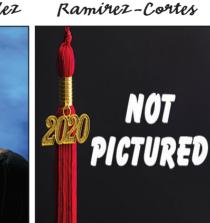
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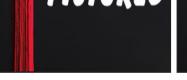
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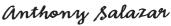
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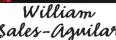
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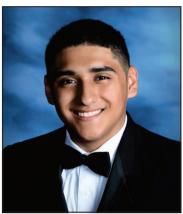
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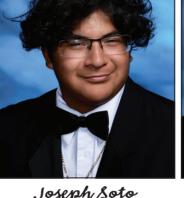
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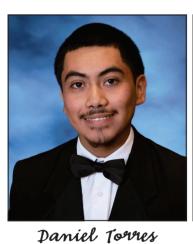
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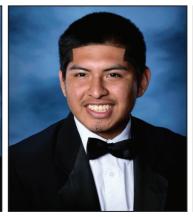
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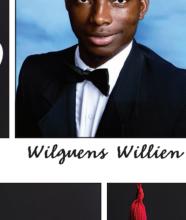
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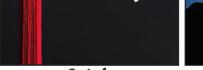














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The Class of 2020 faced an unprecendented season

By Jennifer L. Kupiec

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The Class of 2020 is faced an unprecedented season of change due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), which led to the cancellation of some events/activities, including many hallmark moments of the high school experience. We recognize graduation is the culmination of a student's academic journey and a time to celebrate with family and friends. Our entire Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) family had an emotional investment in making sure our seniors were honored and celebrated.

High School Commencement Ceremony A video/virtual graduation ceremony was held for each high school on June 3, 2020, including each student's name being announced, a photo of each graduate in cap and gown, and speeches by student leaders, School/District administrators, and School Board Members. Students, parents, extended family members, and guests had the opportunity to remotely view the video streaming at their school's designated graduation time via the District and each high school's website.

The Class of 2020 Video/Virtual Graduation for Immokalee High School was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 3.

Plan to reunite and celebrate

The act of walking across the graduation

stage is unmistakably meaningful to all of us. Therefore, in an effort to reunite the Class of 2020, all high schools will host an event in July. If guidelines from the CDC allow for a gathering of the entire senior class and parents/guests, each high school will hold a ceremony on a school's athletic field on July 24, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. (rain contingency on July 25, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.). This event will be optional for students, as students will have officially graduated June 3.

This event will allow students to walk across a stage and take a photo with the principal in order to honor the Class of 2020.

If CDC guidelines do not allow for the

July ceremonies, each high school will offer the opportunity for the entire Class of 2020 to reunite and celebrate in December (or later depending on CDC guidelines at that time). Think of this as the Class of 2020's FIRST REUNION!

CCPS will share further details using all of our communication methods as guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are updated.

We appreciate your patience, understanding, and flexibility during these challenging times. The Class of 2020 will forever be remembered for resilience through these unique circumstances.

Boys & Girls Club's 2020 Youth of the Year

Naples – The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County celebrated the extraordinary achievements of fourteen local Boys & Girls Club members on Tuesday, February 25 at the Annual Youth of the Year Celebration, hosted at Club Pelican Bay in Naples.

This year's Youth of the Year event was the most successful Youth of the Year event to date, with over \$560,000 raised to help support the kids in Collier County who need us most.

The fourteen Youth of the Year nominees, ages 14 to 18, have displayed outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence, moral character and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle during the past year. Through a presentation of speeches and interviews, four Youth of the Year finalists were selected based on how they illustrated their personal aspirations and have overcome obstacles to achieve success.

Immokalee High School Senior Camaraelle

"Cam" Milord, a Club member at the Bolch Campus in Immokalee for the past five years, was awarded the coveted 2020 Youth of the Year title. She will receive a \$4,000 college scholarship and will go on to compete at the state level for the opportunity to receive up to \$50,000 in college scholarships as well as an induction by the President of the United States. Cam, who currently has a 5.1 grade point average, plans to attend North Central College in the fall and major in business in hopes of becoming an entrepreneur in a field that can help give back to both the Haitian and Immokalee communities.

The other finalists included Michelle Azord, Ashley Decius and Lovensky Germain. The remaining ten nominees included Adam Barrett, Sotayouna Joseph, Gabriella Angarita, Hengie Augustin, Kelvin Azord, Joodlhy Charelus, Oca Dupra, Michael Elant, David Francoeur and Erven Francois.



Camaraelle Milord, Immokalee High School graduate and 2020 Youth of the Year winner.







Immokalee High School home of the Indians!

Courtesy photo/Collier County Public Schools

Lipman Family Farms, Guadalupe Center and The Immokalee Foundation Celebrated the Class of 2020 with Senior Parade

In lieu of traditional graduation ceremonies, the Immokalee community had the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating class of 2020 on Friday, May 22 with a senior parade. Hosted by

Lipman Family Farms, Guadalupe Center and The Immokalee Foundation, the parade will be a one-of-a-kind event to honor Immokalee High School seniors and recognize their extraordinary milestone during this

unprecedented time.

Community participation and celebration was encouraged along the route, and CDC guidelines to remain six feet apart from others. The parade participation was reserved for

graduates only.

The parade ran from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. down 360 Carver Street. There was a post-parade event at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St.

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The Immokalee Foundation Celebrates the Extraordinary Achievement of our Graduating Seniors!

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Circumstances determined your **past**, the **present** is embracing you, and only you can define your **future**."

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