

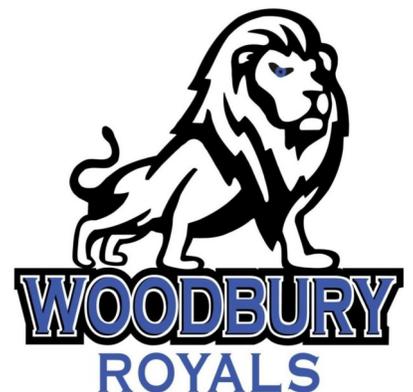


Dear 2020 Seniors,

Congratulations on completing your high school experience! While the ending may not have been ideal, you all showed great adaptability in how you adjusted to the end of your high school lives. It would be an understatement to say that you will be dearly missed by all of Woodbury High School. The sacrifices made by the 2020 senior class will not be forgotten. In this issue of The Current Up roar, we will honor the Senior Class of 2020 by giving them a chance to talk about their high school experience. The submissions we received are posted in this issue.

Thank you,  
Nikhil Jain

Thank You Seniors!



As I reflect back on my past four years at Woodbury High School I remember all the good. From academics to athletics to clubs. I have grown so much and met amazing people along the way. I would consider my time at WHS one that covers all the aspects of what is known as a "typical High School experience." I played basketball, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee as a Royal and went to almost every other kind of sports game as a fan. There I enjoyed our school's energy and desire to win. Every day as I sat in class I liked to focus and analyze those around me. I enjoyed contributing to the class as much as I enjoyed learning from my teachers and hearing my other classmates thoughts. Participating in high school clubs such as Robotics, NHS, and Student Council was a one-of-a-kind experience. These clubs helped me discover a future career path, learn to lead others, and improve my community. I feel as if I have grown up with the rest of the class of 2020. By creating new friendships and strengthening old ones we are all intertwined in each other's lives. I look back in disbelief about how little I knew before and how far I have come to this point. It is so important for us to keep seeking knowledge and growing as life continues. Despite what turned out to be an unprecedented 3rd tri, I am happy to say that it did not take away my high school experience that I will remember for years to come. I look forward to studying Industrial Engineering at the University of Wisconsin Madison and I know that I will return to Woodbury in the future.

### **-Amber Schneider**

My advice to everyone would be to never be afraid to have an opinion. When you have something to say, let your voice be heard.

### **-Siddharth Pandya**

High school has changed me in ways I never would've thought before, I have become more driven, wise, and motivated. During high school, my greatest achievements would have to be doing harder and advanced classes and managing them and doing well in them. Also, I participated in clubs and AP's. My biggest takeaway would be that finding the right group of people can lead to a big inspiration. My best advice would be to do the most there while you can, you only go through it once so what you think you aren't capable of. Hopefully no one else won't have their graduations be like this, enjoy those moments when they come! :)

### **-Alex Paul Velick**

I have really loved my high school experience and I've made friends I'll know I'll have beyond high school and college. I have learned and grown a lot these past four years! These past few months have also taught me to not take anything for granted, even if it's just walking with your friends to class or eating in the school cafeteria. I was in the Highschoolers Against Cancer club last year and am on the board this year. We organize the Relay For Life event every year and so I would say that's been my biggest contribution. I was also in multiple other clubs that contributed to the high school. My biggest takeaway would be do not use too much of your energy looking into the future. Realize what you have (the good and the bad) and especially realize that none of that is permanent. My advice would be go to sporting events, dances, Coffeehouse, etc! Even if that's not your thing, I recommend going to those things at least once to see if you enjoy it or not. Also, join a sport! I never played a sport in high school and I regret it. Lastly, do not compare yourself to others. It's way easier said than done, but all of our experiences are different and if you want to make yours the best it can be, you have to take the focus off of others and put it on your own life. Finally, go to prom junior year in case you have a global pandemic happen and aren't able to go your senior year :).

### **-Maggie McLaughlin**

High School affected me in a positive manner all 4 years. I was able to come to school every day and build as a person, build my character and get taught many valuable life lessons from teachers that will stick with me forever. I participated in wrestling and baseball. My biggest takeaway would be to treat others how you want to be treated. My advice would be to those entering I would like to say that it will be shell shock to get adapted, but with our great staff they will be there along the way to help you through it. Those currently in high school, live everyday like it's your last. Make sure to take nothing for granted because you never know when it can be taken away from you. NEVER give up on yourself. The moment you think about quitting, you have already lost that battle with yourself.

**-Dawson Porter Baker**

My high school experience has taught me many key life lessons that I will forever cherish with me. I was in royal connections and played basketball. But the thing I am most proud of is lettering in academics all 4 years of high school. My biggest takeaway is that although you think people may not necessarily care a lot about you, being a student at Woodbury is really like being in one big family where you can always count on everyone to be there for you in a time of need. Just being supportive of one another no matter the situation. My advice to others is these 4 years go by in the blink of an eye so make every moment count. Go to the dances, attend football games, do all the things you might think you don't want to do because trust me you will have fun. I would just like to thank everyone at WHS for shaping me to be the person I am today and I couldn't have gotten through these past 4 years without all of you.

**-Kendall Pooler**

My high school experience was overall good. The biggest achievement in High School for me is to graduate. The biggest takeaway from high school is to do hard work. My advice is don't be someone else just to fit in a group of people.

**-Shouana Yang**

### **Summa Cum Laude with Distinction**

Emily Zhi

Leah Zhu

Sophie Wu

Rika Nakato

Zahra Chan-Khan

Maya Mehra

Brianne Christensen

Amber Schneider

Michael Duthie

Anthony Wong

Aman Koul

Clarice LeBow

Joseph Frommelt

Mohammed Musa

Marta Struve

Jasmine Yee