

May 20,2020

Dear Graduates,

***Celebrating our graduates is more important than ever this year and we celebrate you!***

While your senior year did not end the way you expected, you have accomplished much and have much to be proud of. We salute you-Laurel Highlands athletes and graduates!

This year has tested our strength and you have passed with flying colors! While there has been some disappointment in not finishing the season or participating in Spring Sports as you have planned, you have demonstrated your skills and fortitude during this difficult time. We are proud of you as athletes and know that your diligence will serve you well no matter where your path leads. ***Stay proud Mustangs!***

Although the year didn't end as you expected and many of you did not have the opportunity to compete in spring sports--you are still winners! Just witness the creativity and ingenuity that you and your fellow classmates have demonstrated in maintaining some normalcy-you completed your classes virtually, you socialized through FaceTime and Zoom and learned to practice social distancing.

You had the opportunity to spend more time with your family. Maybe more time than you would have liked but in a few years you may look at this as something of an adventure. You went through uncharted territory and came out better for it.

It has been a pleasure and honor to work with you through our sports program and to watch you grow and develop as athletes and now as young adults. In the words of Dr. Seuss--*"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."*

I will leave you with these thoughts from the following:

- Michael Jordan - *"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."*
- Taylor Swift - *"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind"*
- Babe Ruth - *"it's hard to beat a person who never gives up"*
- Arthur Ashe - *"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."*

Congratulations on your accomplishments and achievements -especially during these unusual times!

***Best wishes,***

***Laurel Highlands Athletic Department***