

Grads Reflect

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I Struggled, I Excelled

When I first walked into Jefferson High School as a freshman, it was scary in a sense because I was now officially in high school. The halls were deep and empty.

Sophomore year stood out because that was the year I got Mr. Kulak as an English teacher. My brothers told me Kulak was the best teacher at Jefferson; but my brothers don't always have the best judgment so I thought I'd give him a chance, not knowing that he was going to give me the best year of my life.

Mr. Kulak made me think critically, use different words to expand my vocabulary. He made me think poetry was even better than watching TV. No matter how many times I complained, he never let me give up because he believed in me.

Senior year was a year of confusion, and deciding where to go to college was the hardest decision to make. Because of COVID-19, I was robbed of the graduation ceremony I thought was going to be my proudest moment, but I can celebrate all of my hard work over the course of those four years. I struggled, I excelled, I became me!

--Maaliyah Hepburn

Senior Year was Great

I've had mixed emotions about high school, but my senior class was great. This year has been my favorite year so far because of how much we learned— way more than I learned in the past three years. But this was a weird year due to the coronavirus and how it cut the year short. I wish we could have had more time with the teachers that we had but it really was something to remember.

And I just want to thank everyone who helped me get to where I am now. So thank you guys and keep doing what you guys are doing.

--Jadon Callier



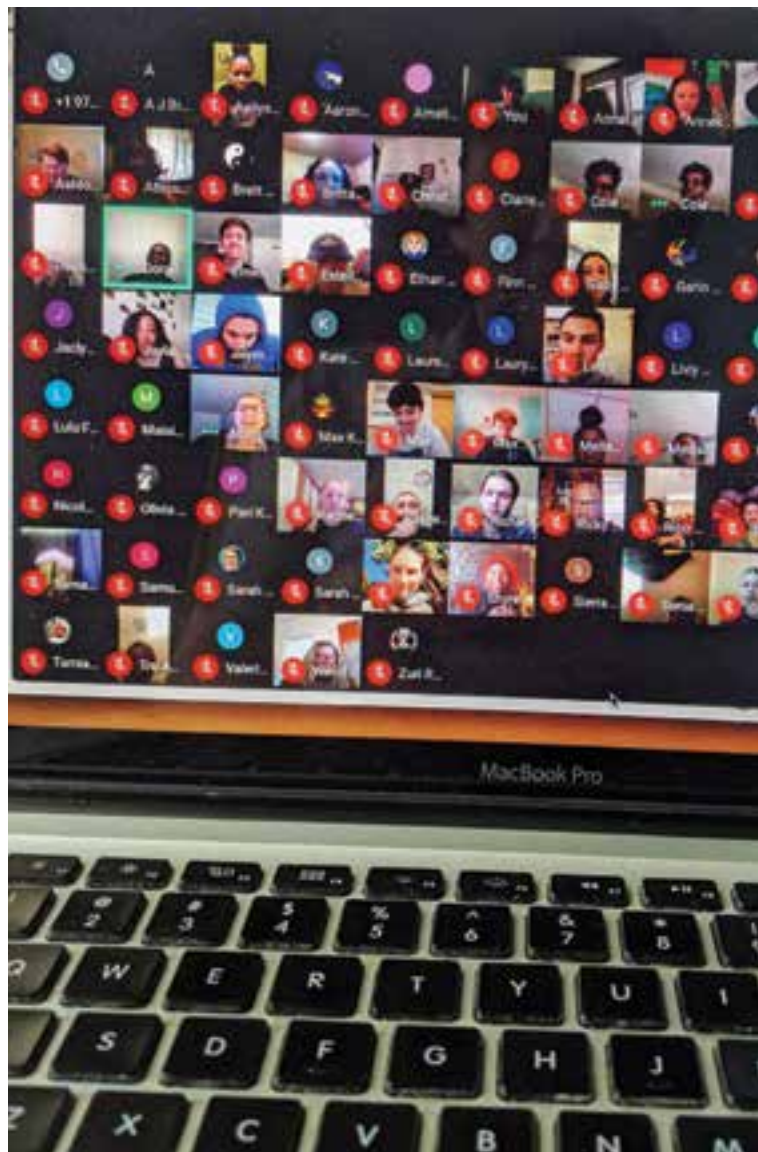
Rachel Huckans (Left) and Shiyao Guo do research at PSU.



Selam Getu (Left) and Sierra Briscoe hook up ramen during FreeStyle Friday.



(L-R) Tamia Miller, Sierra Briscoe, Stella Lynch, Maisie McCarley and Aries Brock start class with some reflective writing.



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