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of 2020!!**  
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## Dexter High School Graduation 2020



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viding information)

On Sunday July 12, DHS Class of 2020 was finally granted an actual graduation ceremony. Spirits were high as the graduates and their families gathered at Al Ritt Stadium to celebrate. Dr. Julie Schumaker, President of Board of Education gave the Welcome, Dr. Chris Timmis, Superintendent of Dexter Schools, gave opening remarks, and principal of Dexter High School, Kit Moran provided special awards, introductions and thank you's. There were four student speakers who gave speeches: Teaghan Holman, Quinn LaFontaine, Rose Reilly, and Simon Kim.

Kit Moran, principal  
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## Dexter Historical Museum

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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Last Friday, my daughter and I ventured to the Dexter Historical Museum. We've been at home since March, not visiting, not going to stores, not really going inside anywhere. I was going to decide upon arrival if we would actually go in based on the number of visitors there. My stroke and other health conditions make me very high risk so I'm playing it as safe as possible. Thankfully it was a stormy morning and when we arrived,

we were the only people outside of staff. I was excited to see the Suffrage Exhibit currently on display. We'd attended events at the library and really enjoyed learning about women obtaining the right to vote. So I thought we'd enjoy this exhibit.

I also wanted to learn about the current Bats in the Belfry initiative. During the Dexter Forum, I learned COVID-19 had forced the Dexter Historical Society to cancel several events for the year. "Gordon Hall Days,"

will not happen, and neither will the Gordon Hall raffle. Unfortunately, these events generate income for ongoing needs and without them, the Historical Society will have to work diligently to make ends meet. In addition to a loss of revenue, the Dexter Museum discovered a large problem with the building.

The Historical Museum is housed in an old church, built in 1883. During a routine inspection, a large hole was discovered in the  
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From Michaelene Pawlak

Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) has been providing affordable transportation programs in Washtenaw County since 1976. However, for the first time in its history, programs temporarily closed in mid-March when WAVE's Board of Directors voted on a closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Although ride programs were closed,

behind-the-scenes activities and Board advice continued to prepare for the safe reopening of all programs scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2020.

Riders will notice several changes when entering buses and during the phone reservation process. Seating on buses will be limited to maintain social distancing standards. Fare boxes have been installed so hand-to-hand contact is minimal. Plexiglas cockpits were fabricated and built by Rite-Tech Enterprises, a local Chelsea business, which surround all driving stations. Drivers were

provided gloves, face masks and face shields to use while providing various levels of assistance to passengers. Passengers will also be required to wear face coverings while traveling on WAVE vehicles.

No fares will be charged from July 13, 2020 through July 31, 2020. Normal fares will be required to ride as of August 1st. \$20 ride discount passes are still available and can be purchased from drivers or arranged through the mail by calling WAVE's dispatch team at (734) 475-9494. Passengers are asked to be prepared to pay fares with exact change to eliminate hand-to-hand contact with drivers.

WAVE would like to express our gratitude for local and state support and funding for Plexiglas cockpits to include: the Chelsea Community Foundation, the Chelsea Retirement Community, the Chelsea Area Senior Center, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital and the Michigan Department of Transportation for grant opportunities. WAVE thanks also extend to residents and businesses that donated cloth face masks for staff and the Ugly Dog Distillery for hand sanitizer.

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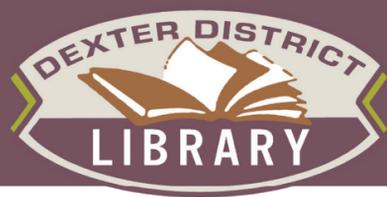
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# Dexter District Library 2020 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

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We are happy to announce that curbside pickup hours have been expanded and are now:

Monday – Friday: 11:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

## Library Closure FAQ (updated 6/15/2020)

• We are happy to report the Library continues to be on track to resume services, beginning Monday, June 15. We are completing our staff safety training and are getting caught up with the backlog caused by the rapid COVID-19 shutdown in March. The Library's outside materials return boxes are open on an ongoing basis. There is no rush to return materials. Returns will be placed in quarantine for over 72 hours and we will continue to waive all overdue fines. Return boxes will be open continuously. If you have returned materials and the items still appear on your account, please wait four to five days before contacting us. The materials will be checked in after quarantine is complete. We look forward to resuming our curbside pickup of materials on Monday, June 15. Pickup will be available between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19. Materials on hold from before the shutdown will be available for pickup through June 23. New requests will be processed on an ongoing basis. We will have some catching up to do in this area as well. Currently, there are around 700 items we will need to locate and pull for patrons.

As we move forward, using the Library's catalog to request items will be the most efficient way to get exactly what you want. The Library also has a curbside request form, located at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/curbside>. This form will allow you to request both specific and general items, which will be pulled and processed by staff. When items are ready for pick up, patrons will be notified by either text message or e-mail. The curbside form will be available on our web site beginning Monday, June 15 at 11:00 am.

During our curbside hours, we ask that individuals call the Library when you arrive in our parking lot. At that time, a staff member will get your account information, retrieve your items from our hold shelf and check them out to your card. The Library will have our small, blue tent shelter set up at the edge of the parking lot. Staff will bring your items to a drop off table. We ask everyone to observe appropriate social distancing measures during the transfer. Once you pick up your items from the table, you can be on your way.

Full access to all shared catalog member library holdings will continue to expand on a rolling basis. Because we have 50 libraries in the shared catalog, many will be restoring their services on various schedules. Each library will have the discretion of when to restore interlibrary loan service to the rest of the membership. When placing a hold for an item Dexter does not own, but shows as available at another library, you may get the message that the hold cannot be placed. This just means any copies reside at libraries which have not fully restored interlibrary loan. Please make a note of the title and try again after a week or so.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the near future. Be well.

- In a surprise announcement, Governor Whitmer relaxed many of the business restrictions that had been in place since the start of the pandemic in Michigan. The staff of the Library appreciate your patience during this difficult time and we look forward to resuming service. The majority of staff have not been allowed in the library since mid-March. We will take some time to prepare our staff to resume providing services and clear the backlogged work. Staff training for distancing in the work environment, cleaning, new workflow patterns and handling materials is required by State Executive Order. Beginning Monday, June 8 our parking lot drop boxes will be unlocked to accept returned materials. Returned materials will be quarantined for a period of three days. No fines will be assessed while we continue to quarantine materials. Our curbside service will resume Monday, June 15. For the week of June 15, the Library will provide curbside service between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We will close on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21 and assess how the week went. Adjustments to service hours will follow. As with everything related to the pandemic, dates may be subject to change based on State-level directives. We will continue to monitor public health conditions and make adjustments, including reopening the building for access, as conditions improve. Our Pandemic Response Plan can be found on our web site at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/about/library-policies/>. We have missed seeing all our patrons and hope you have remained healthy and well during this time. We look forward to serving you soon.
- Just ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, Governor Whitmer issued a new Executive Order (EO 2020-96) which extended statewide 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' orders through June 12. In issuing this order ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, the Governor did relax some restrictions on areas in northern Michigan and for certain types of businesses. However, the order continues prohibitions on providing all but critical, government in-person services (Section VII.) This even applies to areas of the State which have seen relaxation of commerce. Unfortunately, the order precludes the Library for providing any direct, in-person services. According to the State's MI Safe Start Plan, Michigan has been divided into eight regions, which will be monitored for COVID-19 progression. Washtenaw County falls into Region 1, along with the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Saint Clair and Wayne counties. Due to the prevalence of COVID-19 cases in Wayne County, it is expected that our region will see restrictions on movement and service continue to be tighter than other regions of the State. The Library continues to prepare a reopening plan to ensure that when restrictions are lifted, we will be able to resume lending materials in a manner that is safe for both our staff and the general public.
- On May 7, 2020, Governor Whitmer extended the statewide "Stay Home" order by issuing Executive Order 2020-77. This order continues closure of public libraries through May 28 and provides more consistency with previous Executive Orders (see below.) With the current order, the Library is not allowed to bring staff back into the Library to prepare to restore services. As we move forward through this crisis, we continue to monitor our options. The Library's drop boxes remain closed and we still cannot accept donations of materials. We continue to work with the staff at our library cooperative (The Library Network) to adjust due dates for items previously borrowed as well as extend borrower card expiration dates. Rest assured, no fines will accrue for the duration of this crisis. The Library will follow the State's MI Safe Start Plan and restore some form of in-person services when possible. We continue to expand our digital services and have increased borrowing limits for our hoopla and Kanopy services. If you do not have a Dexter District Library borrower's card, our online application process is quick, easy and can get you started borrowing materials while sheltering. On behalf of the staff and Board, we hope you and your family remain healthy and well.
- On April 24, Governor Whitmer extended the 'Stay Home' order with Executive Order 2020-59, which allowed some restoration of business activities. While there was a curbside service caveat for some businesses, the order was reviewed by the Library's attorney along with the Library of Michigan legal staff. Their interpretation of the order was that Section 6, outlining limitations on governmental activities, precluded resumption of any in-person service by public libraries to the general public. This requires our current posture of being closed to the public and relying on digital services to continue through May 15. We continue to prepare for the time when we can resume services. While we do not know for certain what form that will take, the Library is developing several scenarios to adapt to environmental conditions and provide a safe experience for the public as well as safe working conditions for our staff. Please continue to monitor our website for new information as it becomes available.
- If you returned any Library items between Friday, 3/13/2020 and early Wednesday AM, 3/18/2020 – those items have been placed in a quarantine and will continue to show on your account until they've been checked back in. These same items may be showing as overdue, lost or as fines on your account. You will not be fined for any items returned during this period. All of the fines will be erased when the items get checked in.
- Our outdoor return boxes are now locked. Please keep all materials at home for the time being. No overdue fines will be assessed during this period.
- All library cards that had recently expired or were going to expire soon have had expiration dates extended.
- Don't have a library card? Click here to apply for one.
  - Online registration is only available to residents of the Dexter School District. If you reside outside our service area, please check with your home library about getting a card.
- The Wi-Fi signal at the Library is available 24/7. Most devices get a strong signal in our parking lot and (when the weather is nice) for the benches along Alpine Street as well as the terrace area in Mill Creek Park North.

# DHS Graduation 2020 Student Speaker Speech

## Breaking the Status Quo

By **Quinn LaFontaine**

Avoiding norms or “breaking the status quo,” like the great Troy Bolton once said, is something we as a class have sought to achieve. Unlike Troy Bolton, we know our four years here haven’t exactly been a Disney High School Musical. But I can say breaking the status quo and each of us and finding out who we are meant to be has been OUR Dexter High School experience.

Beginning freshman year was terrifying. I had two older siblings who had already finished at DHS before I began so I grew up around the high school.

I was confident and ready to rule the school! I was the definition of a dumb freshman. We quickly found our place in the pecking order and mostly stuck to ourselves. We loved the independence of high school, but we stayed within our comfort zone.

During Sophomore year, we conformed to the norm to

fit in. Gossip, boy-drama, girl-drama, the “sophomore slump,” we had it all. We curated our social media presence, jumped friend groups, and sometimes regretted the friends we’d left behind. We wanted to look like we belonged.

By second semester I gained some insight in a class called world lit and speech. We were taught that we each have a voice and if we have something to say we need to say it. We also learned about listening. To take in what someone is saying and respond without comparing your own experiences to theirs or reacting quickly without thought. Absorb, understand, think, then respond. Thank you Mrs. McDonnough for teaching so many of us these skills. As young people in a society filled with many social media platforms, we need to use this for good. Use it to talk and inform others about what you believe in. Don’t use it to argue or shame others but to under-

stand and to listen. It is our turn to make change and we are in such a great position, as young people, to change the world for the better and I hope that excites you as much as it excites me. Many of you may not have found your voice in your four years at Dexter but I promise you, you have one and I urge you as you move forward to use it. Sophomore year taught us that.

We entered Junior year with confidence. We were finally Underclassmen!

We were not trying to follow a norm, we were trying to create it. Gone was worrying what others thought of us, we loved our friends, we won the pep rally, and the football team advanced to the playoffs.

But discomfort crept back in. We were overwhelmed with difficult classes, extracurriculars, and the S.A.T. With college applications around the corner we experienced stress, pressure, and some sadness but our per-

sistence led us to great success because we had definitely left our comfort zones and we were different in the best way.

We came into Senior year loving every minute but already counting down the days! It was our turn to rule the school but that no longer mattered.

We were more interested in planning next year, cheering on our incredible football team, and making those final memories in the halls of DHS. Instead of ruling we were ready to mentor.

We are better leaders, better students, and better people than we were when we first came here, but The biggest lesson of senior year was about to be learned. We had to accept that things do not always go as planned. We were thrown a curveball, we are disappointed, and we feel let down.

Despite this, one of the greatest things we accomplished this year was to check in on a friend, set up a zoom call, reach out

through social media and even play a video game to stay connected and be supportive of one another.

No one has had a senior year like ours, we are unique and that comfort zone has been obliterated, but we have made it!

As we leave DHS behind, moving out into the world, I encourage you to take the lessons we’ve learned here with you.

Whether you are headed to school, taking a gap year, or starting a new job, the beginning may feel terrifying once again. We may not see where we fit in. But we’ve been there before. We will meet new people and find our spot.

We won’t just go along to get along. We will use our voice to educate and

tell the world about what we believe in. But we will also be willing to listen.

We may find ourselves under incredible pressures again but we’ve worked through the hard before, and have excelled beautifully in spite of it. We

can do that.

We’ll become great at what we do and will mentor others so they can be great too.

We will recognize that when our plan doesn’t go as expected, it is not an ending. It’s a beginning.

I’d like to thank our Administrators, staff and our teachers at DHS. You have taught, encouraged, inspired and looked after us. We sincerely appreciate you for it.

And as for you, the class of 2020, to quote the great Troy Bolton one more time, “Be a jock who can whip up a mean creme brulee or a brainiac that can break it down on the dance floor.” I encourage you to continue to step out of your comfort zone and break the status quo. I am proud to be part of such a special class and I cannot wait to see what you all will do in the future. And never forget once a dreadnaught, always a dreadnaught.

Congratulations, Dexter High School, Class of 2020!

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# Dexter High School Graduation 2020



► continued from page 1 of DHS left the class of 2020 with these words: "The Dexter community is very proud of all of you. We will miss you terribly but it is time for you to move on to the next step in your lives. There are thousands of moments from your high school career we will never forget. Good luck class of 2020!"

Dr. Chris Timmis had these remarks for the DHS graduating class of 2020: "On behalf of Dexter Community Schools, we are all so blessed to have this opportunity to recognize the Class of 2020 and celebrate your graduation.

The Class of 2020 has been chosen to lead. The pandemic that ended your school year early and that has gripped our

country combined with the social and political unrest that has permeated throughout our nation are a message to all of you. You were chosen to lead. You were chosen to help each other, help our country, and lead our world to work together for the betterment of everyone. You were chosen to lead the change that will result from the circumstances we all find ourselves in as we sit at Al Ritt Stadium, wearing masks, with limited family present, and adapting to the landscape we are working within. You have been chosen to Lead.

Every leader has one experience in their lives where they were put into a situation where it was their turn to "step up." This is your mo-

ment.

I've had the wonderful opportunity to watch you grow up through our schools and to see you graduate today. Knowing you as students, as young adults, and as people, I firmly believe you are the group of leaders we have all been waiting for who will grab ahold of this opportunity and make your positive impact on this world.

Thank you for all you've done for Dexter Community Schools, all you've done for each other, and...thinking ahead..thank you for all you will do after you walk across this stage to become leaders in this world.

Congratulations and forever, Go Dreads!" Congrats again to DHS Class of 2020.

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# Dexter Athletics

Re-opening Plan- June 15, 2020



## Summer Team Sessions

### Athlete Sign-Up

- Groups will not exceed 100 people outside
- Coaches will reach out to each team to setup times for training sessions
- All athletes are encouraged to attend

### Days & Times

- If you are interested in participating in a DHS sport please see the coaches contact information and reach out to the coach.
- Coaches will determine the times and dates of training sessions.

### Inclement Weather

- If the weather forecast shows inclement weather or there is current inclement weather prior to the start of sessions we will make a decision will be made by the coach at that time.

### Session Details

- Coaches will advise players on entrance and exit strategies for facilities.
- ATHLETES MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER AND TOWEL.
- Athletes must be fully equipped when they enter the facility to participate. Therefore, their shoes and athletic wear should be on when they enter the facility.
- Lockerrooms will remained closed.

### District guidelines require:

- Physical distancing protocol should be followed
- Cloth coverings or face masks must be worn when entering and exiting the facilities
- Athletes are not required to wear face coverings during their conditioning session
- Athletes are encouraged to shower and wash their workout clothing as soon as they return home

### DHS Screening Protocols

- When athletes arrive for their session they will be required to scan their QR code and answer a series of questions, and have their temperature taken in order to complete the screening process.
- There is no sharing of devices, pencils or equipment.
- Positive symptoms of COVID-19 will be reviewed and if necessary, athletes could be isolated or sent home. Communication with a parent/guardian will then occur.



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# Dexter Athletics

Re-opening Plan- June 15, 2020



## Strength and Conditioning Sessions

### Athlete Sign-Up

- Groups will not exceed 100 people outside
- Athletes will sign-up for a conditioning time:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/irondreadsc>

- All athletes are encouraged to attend

### Days & Times

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- The first session will begin at 8:00am
- Sessions will last approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes
- Athletes should arrive 10 mins before their session time to complete the pre-screening process

### Inclement Weather

- If the weather forecast shows inclement weather or there is current inclement weather prior to the start of sessions we will make a decision whether conditioning will be held by 7:00am.

### Iron Dread Session Details

- Athletes will enter the Twin Turfs through the front gate closest to Parker road and will exit through the gate closest to the band tower.
- Athletes should be picked up in the circle drive at the front of the high school.
- ATHLETES MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER AND TOWEL.
- All strength and conditioning workouts will take place on the Twin Turfs.
- Strength and conditioning coordinator Chris Whittaker will create and run every session.

### District guidelines require:

- Physical distancing protocol should be followed
- Cloth coverings or face masks must be worn when entering and exiting the facilities
- Athletes are not required to wear face coverings during their conditioning session
- Athletes are encouraged to shower and wash their workout clothing as soon as they return home

### DHS Screening Protocols

- When athletes arrive for their session they will be required to scan their QR code and answer a series of questions, and have their temperature taken in order to complete the screening process.
- There is no sharing of devices, pencils or equipment.
- Positive symptoms of COVID-19 will be reviewed and if necessary, athletes could be isolated or sent home. Communication with a parent/guardian will then occur.

### Iron Dread Information

Chris Whittaker  
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### SCREENING

1. ALL STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A HEALTH SCREENING FORM EACH DAY
2. IF STAFF OR PARTICIPANTS HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS LISTED ON THE FORM, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO STAY HOME

### STAFF

1. WILL RECEIVE HEALTH/SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND EXPECTATIONS TO FOLLOW.
2. WILL ENSURE THAT PROPER SPACING, CLEANING AND ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE
3. STAFF IS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS DURING WORK-OUT SESSIONS

### SPACES

1. CONTROLLED PICK UP AND DROP OFF
2. ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE DESIGNED WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING IN MIND
3. WHERE POSSIBLE, SIGNAGE WILL BE POSTED FOR PARTICIPANTS
4. ONLY OUTDOOR AND LARGE SPACES WILL BE USED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### MASKS

1. MASK SHOULD BE WORN, THIS APPLIES TO BOTH STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS. EXCEPTIONS ARE DISTANCE RUNNING OR HIGH-INTENSITY AEROBIC ACTIVITY.
2. FACE COVERINGS DO NOT HAVE TO BE "MEDICAL GRADE" MASKS

### CLEANING

1. ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A CLEANING KIT TO ENSURE PROPER SANITATION PRIOR TO AND AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM EACH DAY
2. CUSTODIAL SERVICES WILL SANITIZE DCS FACILITIES DAILY

### EQUIPMENT

1. WHEN USING EQUIPMENT OF ANY KIND, PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF WILL HAVE NECESSARY CLEANING SUPPLIES
2. EQUIPMENT WILL BE SANITIZED



## DEXTER ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT | SUMMER 2020 UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE

### PRE-SCREENING WORKOUT

- All coaches and students will be screened daily for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to participating.
- Temperature Check: Anyone with a temperature of greater than 100.3 degrees will be sent home.
- Responses to screening questions for each person will be recorded and stored
- Any person with positive symptoms reported will not be allowed to participate, should self-isolate, and contact their primary care provider or other health-care professional.

### WORK-OUT SESSIONS

- Workouts will be designed by staff with health and safety in mind.
- All athletes must bring their **own water**. Bring enough water for the entire work-out
- No water access will be provided
- Do not spit at all - air, ground, equipment, hands, sunflower seed, tobacco etc.
- Equipment sharing should be limited with intermittent cleaning as advised by the coaches and staff

### CONTACT US

- Communication will be made through coaches and staff
- Questions with protocols and other items should be made directly to the athletic department  
Mike Bavineau [bavineau@dexterschools.org](mailto:bavineau@dexterschools.org) 734-424-4100 ext 1101
- Please follow Dexter Athletics on Twitter, Facebook and/or Instagram for latest information

## Dexter Board of Education Selects Elise Bruderly to Fill Vacancy

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
[anbingham@gmail.com](mailto:anbingham@gmail.com)

The Dexter Board of Education held a special meeting to appoint a board member to fill the vacancy left by Ron Darr. The three candidates were the top of the candidates from the position Jason Gold filled. Melanie Szawara, Elise Bruderly, and Brian Arnold were the top candidates invited back. Each candidate was given the opportunity to introduce themselves. After the introductions, each board member had the opportunity to ask the candidates questions.

Once the first round was complete board members voted for their top two can-

didates. Elise Bruderly was in every board member's top two. It was clear, there was board agreement with Elise. Round two each board member had the opportunity to discuss positives about the candidates. Most board members remarked at the high quality of all candidates and how any of them would make great additions to the School Board. Elise seemed to stand out due to her work with E4DS and her understanding of the school budget process, which during the uncertainty of today, will be very important in decision making. The board unanimously voted for Elise after the second

round and decided to select her for the open School Board position.

The regular Board meeting opened at 7 pm over zoom. The board needed to elect officers. Julie Schumaker was elected as Board President. Mara Greatorex Vice President, Daryl Kipke Secretary, and Dick Lundy Treasurer.

Scott Eldridge, an attorney from Miller Canfield provided an overview of The Open Meetings Act and answered questions. There were questions of whether or not board members in social media groups would be considered a quorum. The problem when four members of the board are present and

a board member discusses board business on the platform, that becomes a problem for the open meetings act. There seemed to be hair-splitting on intent and what is legal. But the attorney advised board members err on the side of safety.

Superintendent Timmis let everyone know that the closing sale of Copeland docs has been signed and sent. He spoke on how wonderful the commencement for the class of 2020 went. He discussed the return to school roadmap. Planning officially begins next week, although Dr. Timmis and staff have been working on ways to open the school

in the fall all summer. He did add that there will be a fully online option for parents that want the option. A staff member has been trained in contact tracing. Some challenges include lunches, and that every class must be cleaned after classes change, which will be particularly tough in the high school setting. There must be board approval prior to implementation. So the plans will be before the board, likely in early August.

The president requested more civil discourse online. She mentioned that the Board consists of seven community members, and suggested the

Board behave in ways we ask children to behave in a debate.

The board voted to approve regular business such as banking and the MHSAA so that Dexter can attend state and regional meets in sports. It also approved virtual courses for trustees to take over the summer.

The meeting wrapped after 3 hours with a new Board member and hopefully, a better understanding of the open meetings act as it applies to social media. Congratulations to Elise Bruderly. All three top-candidates are running for a position in the November election.

## A message from the Dexter Daze Committee:

The 49th Dexter Daze was cancelled due to the refusal of the Dexter City Council to approve our permit request. This was done after a modified plan was submitted and without any opportunity to make further modifications. We had no choice but to cancel the event. We recently found out that the City Council is willing to approve fundraising events within the City and specifically at Monument Park.

We are very excited to report that the Dex-

ter Daze Committee has submitted a new park use permit to the City for their approval. Since we were not approved to hold the 49th Dexter Daze, and since we use each year's event to help cover the normal expenses of the Dexter Daze Festival, i.e. insurance, we are requesting that the City and the City Council approve a very small fundraising event so that we will be able to hold a spectacular 50th Dexter Daze in August, 2021.

Please stay tuned

as we await the decision of the City Council. We have modified our request to fit the same parameters of other events that have already been approved, so we are confident that our effort will be successful. The plan is to hold this fundraising event on Saturday, August 15 from 10-4 in Monument Park. We look forward to seeing all friends of Dexter Daze come out as a show of support for this well-loved community event. Thank you so much

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that the 49th annual Dexter Daze Festival has been cancelled. Both the City of Dexter and Scio Township denied our permits for the event and the fireworks, respectively. On top of these denials, the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity has generated a proposal for outdoor events/festivals that is being submitted to the governor for approval. The extensive restrictions and requirements that are likely to be enforced make it impossible for us to meet by our August 14-15 event dates.

The proposed requirements are both physical and financial in nature and, as a group of volunteers working with a very limited budget (especially this year), we cannot find a way to meet the constraints being imposed. We hope that these requirements are temporary and that next year we will be able to hold our regular festival.

Please note that there are some events that are going to try and meet the requirements so that they can continue their tradition. We encourage each of you to visit the [michiganfun.com](http://michiganfun.com) website to support those communities who may still be able to hold their events.

We appreciate our Patrons, Vendors and especially our Community for the support that you've shown us during this time. We appreciate those who have helped us look for a solution, by talking and working through ideas and questions, by being part of the plan and by being proactive in finding resolution. Dexter Daze is more than a summer party. It has an economic impact on many organized Groups, Vendors, Contractors, Entertainers and even our local Community here in Dexter. We realize the impact our decision may have on each and every one of them with this announcement and we are truly saddened.

Thank you and we hope to see you in 2021.  
Dexter Daze Festival, Inc.

# DHS Graduation 2020 Student Speaker Speech

## Leading with Compassion

By Simon Kim

You know it's been a crazy year when you have to rewrite your speech 4 different times to make sure it stays relevant.

So I'm sorry if I fail to address any recent events in this speech I just can't see this year getting too much crazier.

Knock on wood. So Hi, my name is Simon Kim.

I am here representing the students of Dexter High School.

First of all I'd like to thank my parents from the bottom of my heart.

Without them I would not be here and I love you guys.

And of course that doesn't just go for my parents, but to all the parents and adults who have supported these fine students that will go on and no doubt, do amazing things.

Thank you faculty. As the support system here in Dexter is absolutely incredible.

In addition, I'd like to acknowledge the single parents here. Those who had to raise their children through hell and back, I applaud u. I believe that single parents are the strongest people on this planet.

Do you guys remember when we got our computer logins?

I vividly remember being confused at why they all started with the number 20.

Our teachers told us that it was the year we would graduate.

Back then 2020 seemed like a lifetime away. Well, here we are.

And it would be a vast understatement to say that we have been through a lot.

But we made it. Looking back on my years at Dexter Community Schools, I'd think that I've learned a little bit.

I learned that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell.

I learned how to integrate by parts.

And I even learned to brace the core and rip the floor.

Shoutout to coach Whittaker and the Iron Dread Program.

But, some of the most important lessons I've learned in Dexter are things that transcend the classroom.

Since I was young my father constantly told me to be worthy of my advantages.

I will admit, he repeated this often and it did get annoying, but last year I finally understood how important it was to reflect on the advantages that you are born with.

I know we all have our own unique challenges and struggles, but in Dexter, we are generally known as being fairly middle class and fortunate.

And while we are all born into different circumstances with different ideologies and political views.

It is beyond important to lead with compassion

A lot of times it's easy to ignore the problems of others because it is rarely something we have to face in our own lives.

We hear about

global crises and just scroll on.

We hear that parents have to fear for their children's safety at the hands of those who have sworn to protect them because of the color of their skin.

By the end of my speech a child will die of preventable causes in Yemen.

And the only thing separating you and that child,

The only thing separating that person from your son or daughter graduating here today, is luck.

A random roll of a dice landed us here.

My point isn't to compare or belittle our own problems, but it's to realize that a lot of the advantages that we have aren't earned.

So we have to be worthy of our advantages.

Remember that talent is spread equally across the globe, but opportunity isn't.

Every single one of the faculty here today, every single parent and member of the community here has worked hard these last 12 years to make sure you get a quality education.

So do not waste that education.

Class of 2020 I stand here before you to tell you that we can truly make a difference.

Right now, all you need to change the world is this (phone).

Really think about that we can make the world shift on its axis, using a device that we can hold in our palms, not enough people are

realizing this.

For the first time ever, every single person here can make their voice be heard.

Nothing is impossible anymore,

So go chase that dream, create art, make movies, make music, build the next amazon, or the next great nonprofit.

Use your voice to speak up against inequality, or to promote equal love for all.

But most importantly use your voice to

Have civil discourse with those that you disagree with and educate and change hearts.

As Steve Jobs once said.

Life can be so much broader, once you discover one simple fact, and that is that everything around you that you call 'life' was made up by people who were no smarter than you. And you can change it, you can influence it, you can build your own things that other

people can use.

And as I close off, I'd like to leave you with this poem-thing I wrote, I don't know what to call it, but I write these sometimes and I thought it was appropriate.

You are.

A vessel of infinite potential and there is nothing stopping you from doing anything.

But yourself.

Your own doubts consume the very thought of taking that leap

And that light of potential begins to waver.

You begin to close yourself off in a box

With walls closing in.

But there is no box. The walls aren't closing in Despite what people say

The average lifespan of a human is 79 years.

79 years and you're gone.

Whether you believe in God, a higher power, or not

Nothing is guaranteed.

So why create a

box to live in, why care about comfort, when you only have 79 years.

79 years to change the world.

You have the power of all human history combined within your iphone.

Imagine what Davinci would create with modern technology.

Image what Einstein could invent.

All that power within the palm of your hand.

79 years, to change the world.

I'm in.

Are you?

Class of 2020, we have been given the gift of being born in these circumstances.

So go forth with compassion and motivation.

And while 2020 has lacked in good vibes, let's do our best to enjoy these last few months together.

Thank you.

And Keep It Wholesome.

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# DHS Graduation 2020 Student Speaker Speech

## Use this Time for Good

By Rose Reilly

Hello everyone, today, we are graduating and moving forward, though I know that many of us may feel like we are floating, without any kind of certainty about what the future holds. Our graduating class is forced to imagine our own uncertain futures in the midst of a world in chaos.

It is probably naive to say that sometime soon, everything is just going to go back to normal. This cataclysmic world event will change the way that we live for a long time.

Things will be different and we will have to adapt, but I believe that we have what it takes to make adaptations and create the new norms.

In times of crisis, it's not all about answers, but about asking the right questions. So class of 2020--let's start asking those questions.

Let's allow quarantine to be an opportunity for introspection. Let's allow the solitude to highlight what we truly value. Let's allow this to be a time of personal development.

We are at a very important crossroads in our lives where we will be asked, more and more, to make decisions that will shape our lives for years to come.

Could there be a better time to pause and assess what we are really passionate about?

When considering the work we can do to better the world, looking at the activities that we maintain, without external pressure, during quarantine gives us an excellent window into those true passions.

I am sure many of you are thinking: "I have been spending a lot of time in

bed, how does that translate to a passion?"

Yeah, I have been spending plenty of time in bed too, but let's look at the things we have been doing in our cozy spots: I know I have been reading books about politics and getting back to writing for enjoyment. Maybe you have been pursuing creative projects, reading some interesting books, or learning how to use some new technology....wait. I think we all may have been forced to do that, like it or not. Who knew the "Z" in Gen Z stood for Zoom?

Whatever the activity, we all need to take some time to pause and think about what attracts us to it. We should seek understanding about what we want to do, but most importantly, ask ourselves why we want to do it. Understanding our personal

motivations, unique capabilities, and values can help us each to be more successful in all our pursuits, and in the long run, make us happier.

I know we haven't been in school for a while now, but you may remember this one from class: Psychologist Abraham Maslow created a model called the Hierarchy of Needs in 1943 to describe the stages a human must progress through to lead a happy and healthy life. The final stage is known as self-actualization. Maslow characterizes this stage as a "desire to become more and more what one is, to become everything that one is capable of becoming."

This theory shows the importance of becoming our true selves to achieve true happiness, but how do we do this if we are not quite

sure who we are yet?

Chances are that we will never have a full view of who we are meant to be and what we are meant to do, especially not at the end of this pandemic, or even in the next 30 years.

Instead, being reflective on our choices and how they fit with the person we want to become and the kind of life we want to lead can provide the stepping stones to self-actualization and fulfillment.

So as we create new routines to replace our old ones, I challenge us all to include a moment for introspection into every day. Maybe you take a walk in nature, maybe you watch an interview with someone who inspires you and reflect on the qualities you admire in them, or maybe you just think about one thing that made you feel fulfilled each day before you go

to sleep at night.

By taking these small steps, we all have the power to use this time of chaos as a time of self-discovery, as we prepare to take this leap from high school student to whatever life has in store for us next.

We have the time now to think on the important questions of who we are and what we are meant to do. But remember that these answers won't come fast, and certainly not in their entirety. To approach that, I think the Tao Te Ching asks a very important question: "Do you have the patience to wait till your mud settles and the water is clear?"

Now that our assignments are done and tests have been taken, we have the time to turn that attention inward, let the mud settle, and ask ourselves, what's next.

## Adversity Doesn't Simply Build Character, It Reveals It

By Teaghan Holman

Hi everyone and welcome. I am beyond honored to have the opportunity to address you all today. The great Charles Dickens once wrote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

While his words were written to describe the tumultuous environment of the French Revolution, the sentiment still rings true today. Over these 13 years we've been together, we've shared so many joyful experiences, from parking lot water fights to prom at the Big House. But we have also weathered some of the most difficult times: a tornado, Dexter bears, and the new carpeting in the high school. Yet we have survived and thrived through all of this.

Many people say our generation is "cursed," cursed by 9/11, cursed by a dying planet, cursed by an unprecedented global pandemic. Though these atrocities may align with some of the great milestones in our lives, we must remember that they do not define us. It may

feel like we are living in a constant state of turmoil, but it is this disorder that gives us purpose. How we handle adversity and respond to it is what exposes our true character. The world needs our resilience more than ever before.

It is our ability to thrive in the face of disaster that makes our generation so necessary and influential.

If we have learned anything from binge Tiger King all in one day during quarantine, it is that nothing is impossible. It is safe to say that our senior year was not a typical one. It was heart-breaking to learn the longstanding traditions enjoyed by each Dexter High School graduating class would not be enjoyed by the class of 2020. No senior survivor, spring sports, senior breakfasts, or skip days. For most of us, we didn't even realize that when we left the high school on March 13th, it would be the last time we ever walked out. It would have been easy for us to just give up and leave our senior year unfinished. But

that is not how our class has ever handled adversity. Instead, we created new traditions, traditions that will be traced back to the class of 2020 for years to come.

It is evident that over the past 4 years, we have adapted to the changing world around us, finding the silver lining even in the darkest of times. And while most of us thought that senioritis would be the impending disease we would face at the end of our high school careers, the world had other plans. Our legacies, however, will be more than just Zoom classes, stay at home orders, and social distancing. While these experiences will be remembered, our legacy will ultimately be our continued strength and unity, regardless of the circumstances. We will come out on the other side of this more prepared and more to face the challenges ahead.

I am proud that you will be the people I think of when I look back on my high school experience. I cannot wait to watch

every single one of you change the world in your own unique way. We have grown up together, learned together, and, most importantly, overcome

adversity together. I know in my heart that as we take the next steps into our careers and beyond, we will continue to work together to turn what

may seem like the worst of times, into some of the best we've ever had. Thank you and Go Dreads!

## Dexter Historical Museum

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Belfry. And yes, there are now bats residing there. This is an urgent matter. Without repair, there is a risk of water damage and bat droppings to the historical collection housed in the building.

The Historical Society is currently trying to raise ten thousand dollars by labor day to cover the cost of repairs and protect the collection. Due to a generous matching gift, every dollar you donate will equal two. Donations can be made online at [dexterhistory.org](http://dexterhistory.org) under the section: Bats in the Belfry. Checks can be mailed to Dexter Area Historical Society, 3443 Inverness, Dexter, MI 48130. Mark Bats in The Belfry in the memo

line. Any donation of over fifty dollars will receive a surprise gift.

My daughter and I collected the information and continued through the museum. The exhibit was about local women that worked outside the home when women received the right to vote. Hat makers, a barbershop owner, blacksmith, and telephone operator were among some of the careers. It was interesting to learn about the forward-thinking women in Dexter at the time. My daughter was enthralled by the old toys. The dollhouses and dolls. She was very excited to see it all. She also really liked the old carriage.

Next, we headed to

the basement, which was a showstopper for my daughter. The row of school desks was very exciting to see, as she's hopefully starting kindergarten in the Fall, and the train room was magical. Once we were done and ready to leave, my daughter was given a conductor hat, which made her incredibly happy.

As a mom, who's been trapped inside for months, this visit was wonderful. It was educational, safe, and brought joy to my daughter. I encourage you to take your children and visit. The museum is open Friday and Saturday from 1pm-3pm. No more than ten visitors inside at once, and obviously masks are required.



# Congrats DHS Class of 2020!



**Class Flower:**  
Forget Me Not

**Class Color:**  
Blue

**Class Song:**  
Life is a Highway by Rascal Flatts

**Class Motto:**  
Create the Future,  
Celebrate the Past



Alexander Adams  
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Tess Alekseev  
Edward Anderson  
Nathaniel Anderson  
Aden Angus  
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