

This is not going to be an ordinary graduation speech because we are not in ordinary times. Senior year was supposed to be the best—full of crazy adventures and memories. But then it all got cut short. We're stuck inside our homes at the very time we want to begin exploring the world and yah it sucks. But, we have to remember that there is still so much to celebrate. We are finally graduating after four amazing years! Our class has embodied the Vincero spirit to overcome power outages, wildfires, and now, a global pandemic. The class of 2020 has not only shown their resiliency, but also left an unforgettable impact on the community, from dominating Petaluma High on the field to improving our journalism, culinary, and music programs. Our collective influence and success is something we can all be proud of as we close this chapter in our journey. The achievements of this class could not have been possible without the support of our parents and teachers, counselors and coaches, and the overall inspiration from the entire Casa Grande community. To these mentors: our success is your success, because you have given us the strength to dare, the resources to excel, and the confidence that we can succeed. For these things, we are so thankful.

So, class of 2020, this might not be the senior year that we envisioned, but it's a senior year that we'll never forget. The pain that we're experiencing now will serve as the most powerful fuel for the rest of our lives. Right now this pandemic may seem like our kryptonite but once everything passes, it will be our superpower. In terms of touch we will appreciate every hug from our friends like never before because zoom was not enough. In terms of sight, we will bask in the glory of a fully stocked shelf of toilet paper at the grocery store. We will survive to come out smarter, stronger, more appreciative and compassionate. As we look to the future, let this experience motivate you to influence, educate, and better our society whether that's an artist, scientist, entrepreneur, or activists. Every single one of us, no matter our interests, has the capacity to improve our world, and unified within each of us will be a unique perspective, shaped by the events that we have all endured. Class of 2020, we are the generation of change. Together we can overcome this darkness to create a future brighter than any before. So here's to the longest senior ditch day ever, to overcoming every obstacle set in our path, and to showing that we truly do have 2020 vision for the future! Thank you for the best four years!

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