All Things Seniors 2020

Cap & Gown pick up May 11th
Our seniors will pick up their Herff-Jones packages on Monday, May 11th in the Austin High east circle drive. Seniors will follow social distancing guidelines. Staff will bring packages to the senior's car during the times listed below (senior's last name):

- **A - H**: 9:00am - 10:30am
- **I - N**: 10:30am - 12:00 noon
- **O - Z**: 12:00 noon - 1:30pm

Senior Celebration and Car Parade through the Austin High East Circle Drive on May 26th
Seniors will drive by Austin High to pick up cords, graduation medallions, yearbook (if available), turn in required items (library/ELA books, Chromebooks, textbooks), and celebrate with the Austin High Staff. Seniors are encouraged to decorate their cars and wear their cap and gowns for this senior celebration and car parade during the times listed below (senior's last name):

- **A - H**: 9:00am - 10:30am
- **I - N**: 10:30am - 12:00 noon
- **O - Z**: 12:00 noon - 1:30pm

Virtual Graduation June 15th at 1:30 p.m.
We are excited to share with our seniors a virtual graduation ceremony highlighting our amazing Class of 2020. Stay tuned for more details in the Maroon Update. We are Loyal Forever and look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2020!

August 12th Commencement Ceremony at Erwin Center at 1:00 p.m.
Our formal commencement ceremony is scheduled for August and we hope all seniors and their families will join us for the traditional in-person graduation ceremony at the Erwin Center on August 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Prom and Project Graduation
Our Senior class parent committee is busy at work locating a summer venue for the annual senior Prom and possibly a Project Graduation. Stay tuned for more information as we will celebrate the Class of 2020 in style!
College and Career Resources for Seniors

Colleges with virtual tours list here
College Planning resources for seniors from the Austin High School College & Career Center
AISD Link for College and Career Planning

Seniors are encouraged to contact the Austin High College & Career Center with any questions or to schedule an online meeting:
- Tara Miller Tara.miller@austinisd.org (College questions)
- Liz Ownby liz.ownby@austinisd.org (Scholarships, Career Resources, test fee waivers)
- Diana Clawson diana.clawson@austinisd.org (Dual Credit/TSI questions)

Congratulations to these athletes on their collegiate scholarships!

Margot Becker—Bryn Mawr, Girls Lacrosse
Paul Castro—Prairie View A&M, baseball
Israel Castilleja—Schreiner College, Baseball
TJ Clark—Mesabi Range Junior College, Football
Natalie Davis—Southwestern College, softball
Cooper Gaderson—University of Pacific, waterpolo
Emily Greco—Angelo State, Cross Country and Track
Natalie Guerrero—Central Methodist University, softball
Rebecca Jackson—UT-Dallas, tennis
Colby Kalbacher—Trinity University, football
Victor Mendoza—Prairie View A&M, baseball
Jackson Ritz—Southern Methodist University, football (Preferred Walk-On)
Andrea Roland—Henderson State, volleyball
Jeffrey Selden—Milligan College, basketball
DaRyan Williams—Schreiner University, basketball
Mason Wilbanks—Schreiner University, boys golf

Learning from home - “Loyal Forever, Wherever!”
We know learning from home is challenging, but Maroons are Loyal Forever and that means seeing things through to the end with pride and dedication. Our teachers have worked hard to move from in-person to online learning environments. We are pleased with the number of students working through BLEND and attending advisory and office hours through Zoom meetings. We encourage our students to finish strong and let us know if you need support. Maroons are Loyal Forever, Wherever and that means continuing to make education a priority, even during the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.
**We have a RAVE!**

Congratulations to our very own Vanessa Estrada for her AISD RAVE during the month of May! We appreciate her dedication to our community and love of our students. **You are Loyal Forever!**

![Vanessa Estrada](image)

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**Austin High School thanks our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week!**

Thank you to the amazing Austin High School PTSA for supporting our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2020. Each teacher received a $25 lunch or dinner gift certificate to Hyde Park Bar & Grill. We also want to thank AISD and the Austin Ed Fund for their generous donation of a $50 Amazon Gift Card for each teacher. We love our teachers and thank them for all they do for our students and our community. You still have time to honor a teacher or staff member this week. A simple email of appreciation means a lot to our staff. We encourage our students to let their teachers know how much they are appreciated!

![Hyde Park Bar & Grill](image) ![Amazon Gift Card](image)

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**2017 Bond: AHS Renovations**

Our teachers and coaches were busy earlier this week packing and moving boxes to prepare for bond work starting later this month. Thank you for all the teachers and coaches impacted by the construction who are
moving to portables for the 2020-21 school year. Thank you also to our coaches, under the outstanding leadership of Athletic Director Mike Rosenthal, who helped with locker room packing. We appreciate you and your commitment to our school’s renovations. For more information about the Austin High School 2017 bond program, please click on the links below.

2017 AISD Bond Austin High School Scope of Work
February 13, 2020 Community Meeting Presentation
2017 AISD Bond Austin High Site Logistics and Phasing
Austin ISD Facility Master Plan (revised 1/27/20)
Austin ISD CTE, Fine Arts, and Athletics Master Plan (approved by AISD Board of Trustees January 2020)