



Virtual
Graduation
Ceremony

Class of 2020 Graduation Program

Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 - *The Philadelphia Orchestra*

National Anthem - *Saleka*

Superintendent Remarks - *Dr. William R. Hite, Jr.*

Student Remarks - *Doha Ibrahim, senior, Abraham Lincoln High School*

Original Song: Graduation - *Saw Tar Thar Chit Ba, senior, Horace Furness High School*

Mayoral Remarks - *Mayor Jim Kenney*

Student Remarks - *Imere Williams, senior, Boys' Latin Charter School*

Original Spoken Word: We Made It - *Hailey Molina, senior, Philadelphia High School for Girls*

Keynote Address - *Malcolm Jenkins*

20 for 20: A Citywide Tribute for 1 p.m. - *Brian Dawkins*

In Memoriam

Turning of the Tassel - *Superintendent William R. Hite, Jr.*

Student Remarks - *Juliet Dempsey, senior, Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush*

Original Song: Only The Beginning - *Jalyn Tabourn, senior, Franklin Learning Center*

Special Gift for Class of 2020 - *Malcolm Jenkins*

Closing Scroll - *senior names by high school (alphabetical order)*



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Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 - The Philadelphia Orchestra



National Anthem
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Superintendent Remarks
Dr. William R. Hite, Jr.



Student Remarks
Doha Ibrahim, senior, Abraham Lincoln HS



Saw Tar Thar Chit Ba
senior, Horace Furness High School
Original Song: Graduation

Time has arrived
We all know one day we will be apart
But there is something special in our heart
We worked so hard
To stand right here
With all these peers
We are the pride
We made our parents and our teachers smile
Yes there is something special in our heart
So let's fly high

With all we've learned
Throughout 4 years

And I will say
We've earned it
So now let's celebrate it
And start our own big visions
Let's keep our self at highest we can
And strive through struggles
Don't let nobody ever stop us
We are stars of our movies
So let's play through it smoothly
Even if it's not easy to claim
Our dreams that we dream
Ain't nobody could ever stop us
Cuz we believe that we can



Mayoral Remarks
Mayor Jim Kenney



Student Remarks
Imere Williams, senior, Boys' Latin Charter



Hailey Molina, senior,
Philadelphia High School for Girls

Original Spoken Word: We Made It

13 Years
That's How Long It Took To Get To This Page
We Always Imagined Walking Across A Stage
And Soon Our Hearts Were Filled With Rage
This Wasn't The Way It Was Supposed To Be
You See
Now We're On to Getting Our Degree
And We Did This Together, You And Me
We Will Rise
These Thoughts We Fight Off Will Forever Be In Disguise
But It's Time To Lift Our Hands To The Sky
Look We Made It
Our High School Years May Not Have Been The Greatest
And The Challenges We Faced May Have Been The Strangest
But This Pandemic Has Shown Us That We Are The Bravest
4 Years Of Laughter and Smiles
4 Years Of Patience To Walk Down The Aisle
And 4 Years Of Making Happiness A Lifestyle
You Ever Looked Up To The Sky And Made A Wish
Thinking About The Memories You Get To Cherish
And Imagining The Day Where High School Would Be Finished
This Is The Moment We Have Been Waiting For

The Moment Where We Open Bigger Doors
Now Some Of Us Will Be College Graduates in 2024
But None Of Us Imagined This Detour
Where We Contemplate Our Future
How Maybe Walking That Stage Would Have Been Cooler
But It's Like We're In A Book and We Are The Author
We Are Future Doctors, Lawyers And Teachers
Future Nurses, Psychologists And Biologists
Who Deal With Creatures
But Most Of All We Are Over Reachers
Trust Me We Did Not Wait This Long to Give Up
Because In Times Like These Are Where We Stay Tough
Even Though Sometimes It Gets Rough
But We Have The Strength To Be Strong
Even With The Thought Of Not Seeing
Each Other For So Long
Because We Have The Courage To Show
The People Who Doubted Us
That They Were Wrong
And For That We Will Rise
These Thoughts We Fought Off Will
Forever Be In Disguise
But It's Time To Lift Our Hands To The Sky
Because Look
We Made It!!



Malcolm Jenkins
Keynote Speaker



20 for 20
Brian Dawkins



In Memoriam



Turning of the Tassel
Superintendent Hite



Student Remarks, Juliet Dempsey, senior,
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush



Jalyn Tabourn, senior,
Franklin Learning Center

Original Song: Only The Beginning

Verse 1:
Oh Oh Oh Oh, Ohh Oh Ohh Oh Oooo Oo
Remember when we thought we'd be young forever,
Hopscotch, tag, and summer vibes...
We would just do whatever,
While holding on to mommy's hand,
Daddy fought off our villains,
We didn't know what life would bring,
Because we were so innocent,
As we got older, life got harder,
Things we took for granted became surreal
The struggle of life taught us how to feel

Pre-Chorus:
Here we are today, (bring people to their feet),
Here we are today, (just like flowers we've transformed),
Here wee are today, (we've conquered some of our fears),
Here we are today, but this is only the beginning,

Chorus:
This is just the beginning, we can still become all we hoped
and dreamed, We are only beginning, your gonna go through
a few more things, This is just the beginning, you've gotta
strive to succeed We are only beginning, tell them this isn't
the last you'll hear from me

Verse 2:
Everyone's in their homes, sitting alone with their thoughts,
Oh their wondering when that day will come,
When things return to the way they were,
See we never thought that we'd lose something, so special
and precious to all of us,
But this is a test and we've studied the lesson, so it'll get
easierrrr,

Pre-Chorus:
Here we are today, (thankful for what we've accomplished),
Here we are today, (educated young queens and kings),
Here wee are today, (see this is only just beginning),
Here we are todayyyyyyy,

Chorus: (CLAPS START)
We are only beginning, someone's gonna try to tear you
down. This is just the beginning, but you gotta learn how to
shut them out. We are only beginning, get back up on your
feet, This is just the beginning, tell them this won't be the last
you'll hear from me, Tell them this won't be last you'll hear
from me. This won't be last you'll hear from me. This won't
be last you'll hear from me. I'll tell them this won't be the last
they'll hear from BRI. (my stage name lol)

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**MAKE
SOME
NOISE**

20 for 20

JUNE 9 AT 1PM

Make 20 seconds of noise
for the Class of 2020

You can applaud, play music, sing, whistle, honk a horn or even do that unique Philadelphia custom of banging a pot.



TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH FROM 7-8:30PM

The Kimmel Cultural Campus is the official virtual host of the graduation after-party! Join us live with Philly's own DJ Aktive, R&B group Good Girl, SimxSantana, The Rise & Grind Morning Show and other artists on a multi-platform concert event!



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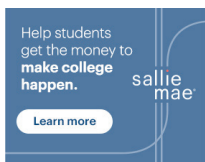
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Malcolm Jenkins Foundation for Power Pathway Academy

OUR GIFT TO THE 2020 GRADS

CELEBRATE + EMPOWER + SKILL UP

Please join The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation in our city-wide youth empowerment celebration of Philadelphia's 2020 graduating class.

We've teamed up with **The School District**, **Facebook Elevate**, and **The NFL Foundation** to provide a gift to all 2020 graduates.

The gift is Power Pathway Academy: a groundbreaking digital career readiness academy, providing youth aged 13-23 with 21st century skill training and exposure to different career pathways.



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Empower Philly youth to discover their path and realize their power

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Congratulations School District of Philadelphia Class of 2020!

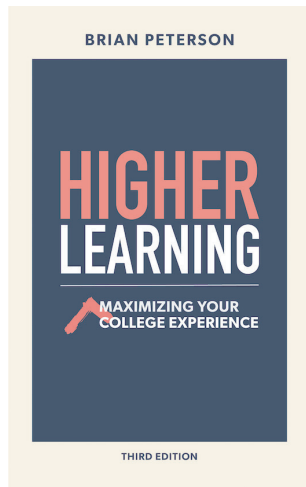
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Dr. Brian Peterson Higher Learning: Maximizing Your College Experience (Third Edition)

Click here to download the book
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