



# Final Remote Learning Newsletter (Vol. 10)

## Pomp & Circumstance For The Class of 2020!

Dear TFA Families,

Tomorrow, Friday, May 15, members of the Class of 2020 will Graduate from The First Academy. Although they have faced a very different ending to their senior year than expected, they have shown such grace and resilience during this difficult time. They have modeled what it means to be Stronger Together!

Our Upper School Team has been working diligently over the past few weeks to plan the best graduation experience possible for the Class of 2020. It is so important that the culmination of their high school careers at The First Academy is special, meaningful, and memorable. We have remained focused on making sure that we provide each senior that special moment when they walk across the platform, hear their name called, and receive their diploma.

We are still considering other celebration opportunities on campus for the Class of 2020 when the guidelines allow for large groups to gather on school campuses. While we have no certainty about these future plans, we pray with all the faith we have.

Please join us in celebrating this special graduating class, and take a moment tomorrow to stop and pray for these Graduates and their families. You can Click [HERE](#) to read more about our Royal Class of 2020, their accolades, and watch the specially created video from the car parade hosted on May 1 - you don't want to miss it! We have also

**CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2020**  
100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

**24 SENIORS ATTENDED TFA K-12**

**TFA CHAMPS**  
1 INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPION & 1 TEAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Nearly \$2 MILLION in athletic scholarship offers

Total College Scholarship Offers \$7.5 million

1 STUDENT RECEIVED A BEST IN SHOW PERFORMANCE AWARD  
ALL CAST AWARDS  
4 STUDENTS RECEIVED SUPERIOR RATINGS AT THE STATE CONVENTION  
TFA'S TROUPE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARDS OFFERS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES

THE CLASS OF 2020 HAD 33 AP SCHOLARS

17 STUDENT ATHLETES from the Class of 2020 committed to play intercollegiate athletics

ACCEPTED TO OVER 130 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING:  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Georgia Tech, WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, BOSTON COLLEGE, Berkeley

THE CLASS OF 2020 PRODUCED ONE National Merit RECOGNIZED STUDENT

19 SENIOR LEADERS EXTENDED 8 STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEES COMPRISED OF 119 TOTAL STUDENTS

Over 13,000 HOURS of Community Service Missions Completed

**127 TOTAL SENIORS**

created this special infographic, visually representing some of the amazing accomplishments of the Class of 2020.

We are so blessed to have a strong community of believers and we look forward to honoring and appreciating our families during this time, and moving forward. We truly are Stronger Together!



Steve D. Whitaker, Ph.D.  
Head of School

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## Honoring our Artists & Athletes



### Athletics

This week, we will honor our student-athletes involved in our **Track Program**

#### **A Note from Coach Middleton**

*Words of wisdom from my mom: God knows best and everything happens for a reason. With that being said, I know we are all disappointed that our season was cut short, especially with this week being championship week. By the grace of God we are all healthy so there is much to be thankful for, we live another day to compete again. So let us use this time to strengthen our weaknesses and prepare for making ourselves better athletically and spiritually.*

<b>Varsity Boys Track</b>	<b>Varsity Girls Track</b>	<b>MS Track</b>
Brandon Albers	Nathalie Are	Elena Armstong
Keoni Anthony	Nia Cook	Nathanael Atchison
Elijah Barron	Isabel Crist	Victor Berrios-Alfonso

Jayden Battle	ShaRiya Davis	Keira Collins
Phillip Clarke	Gloria Estein	Julia Da Silva
Charles Clendenin	Olivia Hebert	Stephen Davis
Tyrese Coleman	Sarah Jackson	Jayda Felix
Lake Ellis	Liberty Jensen	Madison Felix
Justin Harris	Hoshea Joseph	Bryce Holston
Jack Jiang	McKenzi Neal	Milachi Jones
Sean Johnson	Dakotah Osborne	Michael Koziara
Mark Marsh	Kendall Parmer	Kathleen Lucas
Tyler McArdle	Emily Powelson	Abraham Mason
Derrick McRae	Ella Simpson	Bradley Mason
Christian Mercado	Jayde Wilson	Colin Osborne
Jalen Middleton		Joshua Reyes
Jacob Morse		Jewel Robinson
Denny Oliveira		Ariana rosario
Caleb Osborne		Layla Santa Cruz
Will Richards		Eliana Scadina
Conner Riley		Brady Sharpe
Jaylan Robinson		Christopher Skelton
Jonathan Robinson		Ella Grace Skelton
Cole Seppala		Vian Swanepoel
Alex Shields		Gabrielle Walters
Kamron Summers		Madison Zeisloft-Acree
Jason Tenczar		
Christian Wagenknecht		
Sebastian Yepes		
Gray Zavada		



**Fine Arts**

This week, we will honor our **Upper School Choir & Royal Steel**.

**A Note from Mr. Snyder**

*I'm so proud of the accomplishments for both the Choir and Royal Steel. While each has represented the school in some big ways this year, my favorite comment is always about what great students they are. In other words, their light is always seen through their actions and interactions. It has been a pleasure to see them develop this year.*

US Choir	Royal Steel
Sarah Brady Kinsey Campbell Charlotte Crawford Karis de la Fuente Faith DeBoom Benjamin Englund Mikayla Guidice Joey HE Sarah Jackson Alexis Labondge Shawn Larose Matthey Melley Sylar Miller Mackenzie Rearden Tiffany Rojas Keren Silva Elben TU Mackenzie Wadsworth Ava Wilson Tiana Witherspoon	Kinsey Campbell Blake Cloud Jake Dimas Sophia Dziekan Justin Harris Dean Harvey Kendall Jones Rachel Koonts Sarah Koonts Alexis Labondge Johnson Laguerre Victor Norman Caleb Parmer Esteban Rios Alex Schaag Sthefanny Silva Katelyn Warner

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## Family Resources

### **Christian Counselor Directory**

Our Family Ministry Team is dedicated to serving the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of our families. For your convenience, the team has created a directory of Christian counselors that our families can access during this time of social distancing. You can access the directory [HERE](#).

### **Focus on the Family**

Focus on the Family is always an excellent resource for our families, and they are offering free digital access to their children's magazines during this time! Click the links below to access these magazines.

[Clubhouse Jr.](#) (For Boys & Girls, Ages 3-7)

[Clubhouse](#) (For Boys & Girls, Ages 8-12)

[Brio](#) (For Teen Girls)

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## Admissions Is Open!

Our goal is to provide prospective families with Admissions opportunities based on what is convenient for them during this challenging time. TFA's Admissions Team is offering a menu of virtual options:

- **Personal Virtual Tour** - families can learn more about The First Academy with an Admissions team member virtually. Our principals have been popping in to say hi too!
- **Virtual Open House Events**- the live events are now recorded to share with prospective families.
- **Virtual Meet and Greet**- families can connect and ask questions with current parents and students.

- **New Virtual Admissions Webpage**- includes on-demand videos, photo galleries, and more! Prospective families can now virtually experience The First Academy as they walk through a personal virtual admissions tour.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Admissions Events page and invite a friend to visit TFA virtually today!

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## Lower School Updates

### **STRONGER TOGETHER**

There are many parts, but one body. When one part suffers, we all suffer; when one part rejoices, we all rejoice. 1 Corinthians 12: 12, 26

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Dear Lower School Families,

Next week, we are looking forward to some special Remote Learning Spirit Days and exciting Facebook Live sessions.

#### **Lower School Awards Chapel**

Click [HERE](#) to view this week's special Lower School Awards Chapel.

#### **Remote Learning Spirit Days**

Check out our spirit days for next week.

- Monday, May 18th: Camouflage Day
- Tuesday, May 19th: Tie Dye Day
- Wednesday, May 20th: Favorite Book Character Day
- Thursday, May 21st: Beach/Water Wear Day
- Friday, May 22nd: Spirit Wear-Blue and Gold

Don't forget to send us your pictures! Please post with #TFAremote and #TFAStrongerTogetherAtHome or email to [caseyvaughn@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:caseyvaughn@thefirstacademy.org). I will take some too at [jenniferjackson@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:jenniferjackson@thefirstacademy.org).

#### **Lower School Materials Pick-Up and Drop-Off**

Lower School Lobby with Recommended Staggered Pick-Up Times

- Last Name: A-F: 8:00am-10:00am
- Last Name: G-L: 10:00am-12:00pm
- Last Name: M-S: 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Last Name: T-Z: 2:00pm-4:00pm

## **Remote Learning Student/Family Links**

[TFA Remote Learning Webpage](#)

[Remote Learning-Student Online Resources](#)

[Remote Learning Help Request](#) (For Families)

[Resources to Access Reading Material](#)

[Using Google Hangouts](#)

[Mrs. Walton's Tutorial Tips for Helping Students using Google Hangouts Meet](#)

[Student Technology Help Desk](#)

[Lower School Student iPad Loan Agreement](#)

[Lower School Daily Schedule Recommendation](#)

[Lower School Remote Learning Timeline-Family](#)

[Remote Learning Lower School Student Responsibilities](#)

[Remote Learning Lower School Parent Responsibilities](#)

[TFA Facebook Live](#)

[Student Technology Help Desk](#)

[Accelerated Reader-Access from Home](#)

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## Middle & Upper School Updates

### **STRONGER TOGETHER**

There are many parts, but one body. When one part suffers, we all suffer; when one part rejoices, we all rejoice. 1 Corinthians 12: 12, 26

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### **Upper School Royal Academic Awards**

Click the links below to view Upper School's special Royal Academic Awards.

- [Academic Recognitions](#)
- [Book Awards](#)
- [Christian Studies](#)
- [English](#)
- [Leadership](#)
- [Math](#)
- [Overture Award](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Social Studies](#)
- [Special Awards](#)
- [World Languages](#)

## Important Dates

May 15	Friday	<b>TFA Graduation, Class of 2020</b>
May 18-21	Mon-Thurs	<b>MS/US Catch Up and Celebration Week</b>
May 19 & 21	Tue & Thurs	<b>6th-11th iPad, textbook RETURN &amp; Locker Cleanout</b> 10:00am-1:00pm by appointment only to ensure social distancing
May 20	Wednesday	<b>Middle School Awards &amp; 8th Grade Remote Celebration</b>

## Meeting Requests

- Schedule a meeting with Dr. Grove [here](#)
- Schedule a meeting with Dr. Holter [here](#)
- House of Athanasius & TFA Global Schedule your meeting with Mrs. Kwak [here](#)
- Houses of Tozer & Edwards. Schedule your meeting with Mrs. Toliver [here](#)
- Houses of Elliot & Wesley. Schedule your meeting with Mr. Wood [here](#)

## Resources

[How to Save Select Pages in a PDF File](#)

[Remote Learning Help Request](#) (For Families)

[Remote Learning Plan Resources-Middle & Upper School Students](#)

[MS & US Remote Learning Class Schedule](#)

[TFA REMOTE LEARNING WEBPAGE](#)

[Facebook Live](#) events

[Remote Learning Advisors](#)



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## The Classical School Updates



You can review the full Remote Learning Plan for The Classical School [HERE](#).

Mrs. Gentry will be on Facebook Live on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM. We will be available to support any family in need of assistance to the best of our ability. We are committed to making this process as smooth as possible for our students, parents, faculty, and staff.

Susan Gentry, The Classical School Director  
[susangentry@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:susangentry@thefirstacademy.org)

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## The First Hope Updates



You can review the full Remote Learning Plan for The First Hope [HERE](#).

We will be going live on Facebook ([The First Hope Facebook Page](#)) daily at 8:30am for an interactive experience with your students.

Our goal is to find the best balance between keeping the instructional momentum we have achieved this year with our students and being sensitive to challenges our families may be working through with having children at home due to extended school closure. We are here to work through this process with our students and parents and you will have the full support of our faculty, staff, and leadership.

Tonya Roskaft, The First Hope Director  
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## The Preschool Updates



You can review the full Remote Learning Plan for The Preschool [HERE](#).

We will be going live daily at 10:30am on Facebook ([TFA Preschool Facebook Page](#)) for the children to still experience Morning Greeting/Prayer time with Mrs. Grayson as part of their daily routine. Teachers will also be sending out text messages to include additional learning ideas as well as songs for you to sing with your child to provide music and movement.

We will continue to provide updated information via email as it becomes available so please be mindful and regularly check your email. Your teachers will be accessible via text and email between the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm if you have a concern or need additional guidance.

Praying for you and your sweet family until we are together again!

Blessings!

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