



A Message from Suzanne Stell



As we complete Week 7 of our distance learning, I want to share some highlights of what our students have been saying, singing, and expressing, as only they can. It's what inspires us to do what we do at Shelton and why we are blessed with the opportunity.

20/20 Envision Our Future

First, I'd like you to see this [video](#). We'd planned to premiere it at our live *Stampede* auction on March 28th. Instead, I invite you to enjoy it now, as we embark on our virtual auction later this week. Hear what our students have to say about Shelton – I think it will warm your heart. Former Shelton parent Steve McWilliams helped us produce the video. He says he always loves to hear what our students today are thinking and feeling. So do I.

Hamilton, à la Fine Arts Banquet

Second, please see this [video](#), shown just last night at our virtual Fine Arts Banquet. Parents and students attended the banquet, enjoying dessert and the accolades showered on our talented students for some amazing accomplishments in 2019-20. You'll hear the voices of Blair King's Vocal Charge (Upper School Choir). Did *you* ever do what they just did? It involved 10 students in their homes, all combining their individual parts into one choral sound. And this was but one small showcase from this year that literally gave voice to the talent we see every day at Shelton.

To Our Class of 2020

We continue with many exciting events for our seniors. It lifts us up to celebrate with them.

- **Senior Surprise** – This past Saturday, our seniors were surprised at home with visits from their teachers and staff who came bearing yard signs and cookies for the graduates. I don't know who had more fun – the seniors or our staff. See for yourself in the [video](#).
- **Senior Shred Day** – We have some festivities planned for our seniors this Friday. It's great that we can observe some of our fun traditions done in a new, creative way.
- Today senior Natalie Eaddy had her last day with the Vocal Charge (Upper School Choir). The group celebrated the occasion, and also the birthday of junior Gracie Dix. While partings may sometimes be bittersweet, there's always a birthday or a new day to celebrate someplace. Both are part of life.

It is resiliency, innovation and courage that will help us move forward and past what we hope is the worst of the COVID-19 situation here in Dallas. At Shelton, we will continue to re-envision our future. In the midst of much change, please pause and find something to celebrate with you and yours as we go about our end of year activities.

Gratefully,
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