

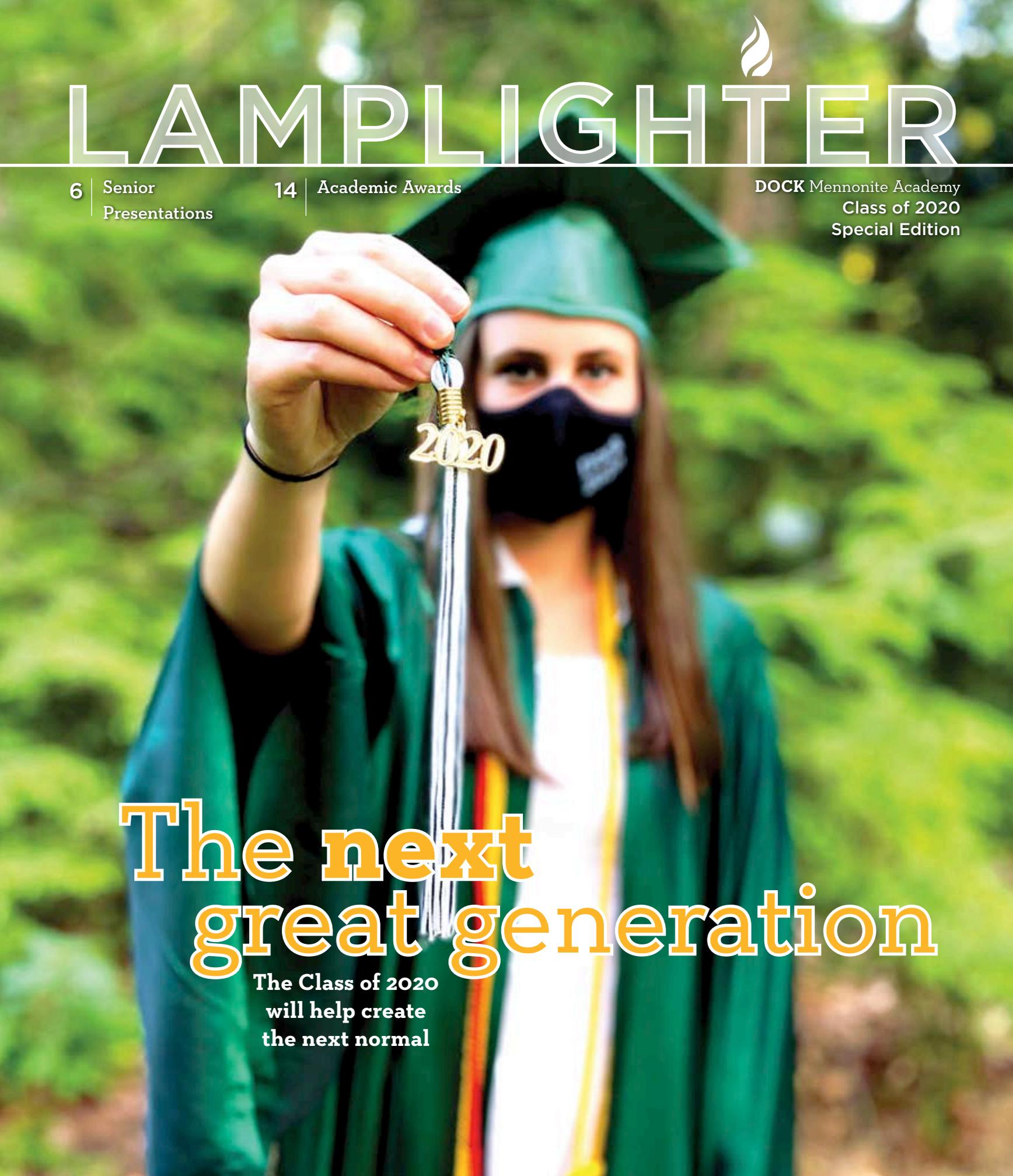


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Class of 2020  
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A young woman with long brown hair, wearing a green graduation cap and gown, a white stole with yellow and red stripes, and a black face mask. She is holding a gold tassel with the year '2020' on it, looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

# The next great generation

The Class of 2020  
will help create  
the next normal

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The graduates' cap toss was replaced with confetti cannons for the Class of 2020's Commencement, but that didn't stop **Kate** (left) and **Hannah Landis** from celebrating in the traditional way.

**ON THE COVER: Sydney Leaman** and her classmates finished their senior year in a way they will never forget, so the school worked hard to give them a Commencement they would never forget—the first graduation ceremony to be held on the lawn in front of Detweiler House since 1961.



## "The gifts you possess must make a difference"

First, I want to celebrate you today. Our world continues to change. Even with all the chaos and confusion going on, I encourage you to celebrate this milestone. I want this day to be a joyous one for you, your family, and friends. I hope my presentation adds to that joy. No one could have imagined Covid-19 and the outrage from the killing of George Floyd and others coming together at the same time, especially not right before your graduation. But we have failed you as adults. We have failed you by not paying attention to the lessons of history and the rumblings of injustice that foreshadowed the eruption of anger and emotion that you now see across America.

Today is the day you celebrate. Tomorrow and beyond are the days I look forward to walking alongside you to combat racism, poverty, injustice, and the sins of omission. I look to our future with hope, the hope that your generation will learn from the mistakes of past generations. Today is not a day for you to feel guilty about who you are, the privilege that you have, or the safety you enjoy. Today is the day you celebrate a bright future and the awareness that the gifts you possess **MUST** make a difference in this world. I hope that you take just a moment of silence to reflect on the injustices suffered by many black, brown, native, and poor people in our country. Thank you.

*Editor's Note: Mennonite Church USA Executive Director **Glen Guyton** (left) recorded his virtual address to Dock grads (see page 2) prior to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25 and the protests and riots that engulfed the nation soon after. With the story continually in the headlines as graduation day approached, Guyton sent this "addendum" to his address, which was read at the June 6 Commencement ceremony by Dock Superintendent **Dr. Conrad Swartzentruber**.*

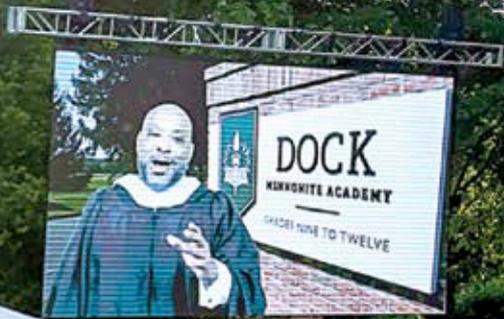


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2020 Commencement

# The next great generation

*Dock Commencement speaker Glen Guyton said that members of the Class of 2020 have a unique opportunity: They will help create the next “normal.”*



Glen Guyton, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, began his Commencement address with a virtual tour of the Dock campus, even taking a quick swim in Groff Pond. Next he was treated to a very personal performance of the Touring Choir's virtual piece, "I Believe," by Mark A. Miller. Guyton said the song was a perfect choice at this moment in time, and he used the simple but beautiful lyrics as a jumping off point for his message to the Class of 2020.

*I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.  
I believe in God even when God is silent.*

"I want to tell you today that the sun is shining," he said. "And I want to tell you that there is love in this world. And I want to tell you that God is here, and God is with us, even in the midst of this confusion and chaos. And God is with you, Class of 2020."



One hundred years ago a generation of Americans was born, and they came to be known as “the greatest generation,” Guyton said. Why? Because they endured the Great Depression, and some lived through not one, but *two* world wars. Because of what it is going through now, he added, the Class of 2020 is part of the next great generation.

“Some of you were born right after 9/11. You’ve been through the housing crash [in 2008], and now a global pandemic,”



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*Approaching Autumn* View from Groff Pond at Dock Mennonite Academy © Bertine Leinbach '83

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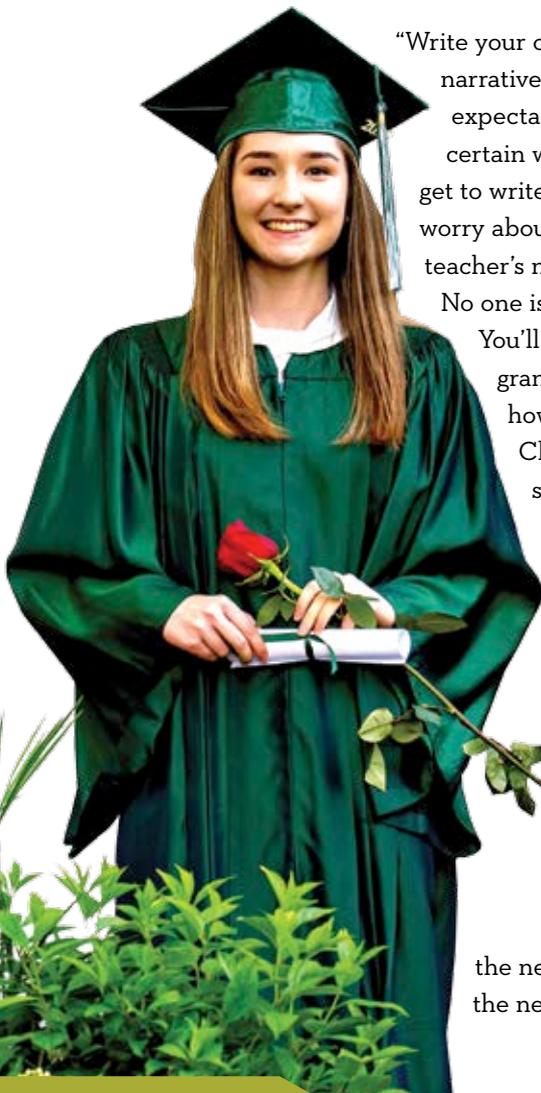
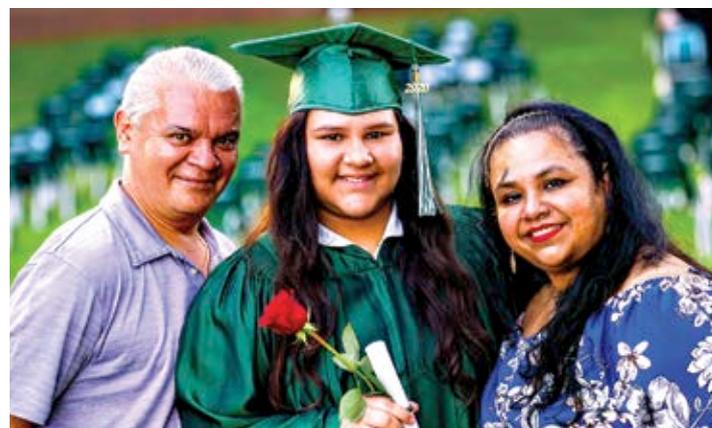
Guyton said. “But I know that all of the things you are enduring, all of the changes that are happening in our world, will make you more resilient. You are my next great generation.”

Guyton also reflected on the Class of 2020’s theme verse from Deuteronomy 31:8:

*Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.*

“God will never fail us no matter what our circumstances look like. No matter what the world is saying about doom and gloom, you are the embodiment of the hope that is passed on through Jesus Christ,” Guyton said. “I believe God’s word, I believe God is faithful and God is with us. That’s what Immanuel means—God with us. God is faithful, and He’s going to be faithful to you, Class of 2020. Believe that!”

Members of the Class of 2020 will help to create the “new normal” that we hear so much about today, he added.



“Write your own story. Create your own narrative. I already have my story—a set of expectations that the world operates a certain way, in my understanding. But you get to write your own story,” he said. “Don’t worry about what my normal is, or your teacher’s normal, or your parent’s normal. No one is going to say that you had it easy. You’ll get to tell your children and grandchildren some great stories about how tough it was to be part of the Class of 2020. But write your own story. Write a story of hope. Write a story of ingenuity, of creativity, a story about the new opportunities that are going to arise because all the things we thought were normal are now different.

“You’ll hear a lot of people talk about ‘the new normal.’ Well, the new normal is whatever is next. Know that the future is yours, and you’re going to create the next normal. I’m excited to see what the next great generation is going to do.”



## 2020 Baccalaureate

As with so many other end-of-year events for the senior class, Dock's Baccalaureate this year was fundamentally altered—consisting almost entirely of students and their families lighting candles around Groff Pond. Pictured are **Braden Landis** (top right) with his parents **Scott** ('82) and **Charla** ('85); **Madelyn Bergin** (below right) with parents **Sarah** ('88) and **Ian**, and sister **Isabel** ('22); and **Regan Zehr** (below) with parents **Kyle** and **Krista** ('90), and brother **Mason** ('18).





Thanks to a connection made through Dock alum **Dr. Rick Kratz** ('87), senior **Madelyn Bergin** (left) had the opportunity to shadow another Dock alum, **Dr. Emily Souder** ('01), a pediatric infectious disease specialist at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia.

# Senior Presentations

## THE JOY OF BEING UNCOMFORTABLE

*In their Senior Presentations, Dock graduates reflect that in opening themselves up to new experiences, they found the greatest satisfaction, learning, and growth.*

If she were to offer some advice to new students, Dock senior **Madelyn Bergin** would encourage them to embrace the new—in whatever form it happens to take.

In some cases, that will mean getting to know students from other countries. “You have an incredible opportunity here to get to know and understand people and cultures from all over the world—take advantage of that!” she says. “Never let language get in the way. Yes, there will be those moments of awkward miscommunication but push through! Be patient and get to know one another; sometimes people from across the world can have the most in common.”

In other cases, it may mean stretching yourself when it comes to academic and vocational interests. “I had the opportunity during Senior Experience to shadow Dr. Emily Souder, a pediatric specialist at St. Christopher’s Hospital in Philadelphia,” she says. “I loved shadowing her and it showed me that pediatrics is a great fit for me. One of the best things you can do is shadow professionals who are doing what you want to do. That way, you can truly understand what a day in that job looks like.”

When it comes to your high school experience, she adds, students should try whatever it is they have in mind to do—regardless if they fail or succeed. “Some of the best experiences I have had were because I went out on a limb and tried something new,” she says. “I built a trebuchet, entered cooking contests, photographed friends, and played tennis—all things I am not entirely qualified to do. What is the worst that can happen? That someone laughs at you? Do not let insecure people bring you down; be uniquely you and be passionate about what you love. Surround yourself with people who encourage you and love you as you are. You must leave time for the things and people you love. They are non-negotiable.”



“Some of the best experiences I have had were because I went out on a limb and tried something new,” says **Madelyn Bergin**.



“The best thing you can do in high school is to be uncomfortable, to put yourself out there and try new things.”

— Miguel Santiago, '20

## PLAYING A NEW SPORT—IN A NEW COUNTRY

### Christine Hu

When I decided to go to the United States, one of my goals was to join a team sport. I had two options: field hockey and tennis. Half of the tennis team were student-athletes from China, including my roommates. I played tennis before, but I had never heard of field hockey. My curiosity made me choose field hockey.

I made the right choice. The girls I met on the first day of preseason practice truly represent the Dock spirit. They showed me perseverance, passion, optimism, faith, diligence, and unity. They welcomed me warmly as a beginner, and always offered me extra help. I ran in the rain and played under the dazzling sun with my teammates, and we always cheered each other up. During breaks, over small chats, my English skills advanced, and I became more prepared for Dock as they gave me valuable advice. For the first time, I talked to American peers in a casual setting. I acknowledged we were very different, but that didn't prevent us from becoming friends. The friendships that I built with my teammates set the foundation that prepared me to interact comfortably and confidently with people from different backgrounds. I stepped out of my comfort zone and embraced the unknown. The experience rewarded me by opening my eyes to other possibilities and filling my heart with cheer.

The highlight of my senior year was Senior Night. I proved myself after two years of hard work. I scored the first goal in the first 30 seconds of the game. The crowd went wild, and my teammates ran to me and held me in their arms. I looked into their shiny eyes and felt their beating hearts. The moment will forever be etched in my memory.

Joining Dock's field hockey team was the key that unlocked new friendships, built confidence, and made lasting memories for **Christine Hu**.



## SENIORS REFLECT ON THE PANDEMIC



Covid-19 deprived the Class of 2020 of many of the signature senior year experiences—Spring Drama, All-School Social, Junior-Senior Banquet, and more. Here they reflect candidly on their unusual senior year.

*When I found out we would not be going to school the rest of the year, I was heartbroken. I laid on my couch and couldn't stop thinking about how mad I was. Looking back, I am thankful for the extra time I got to spend with my mom at home. I learned new hobbies and tried new things. I taught myself how to play the piano. Then I tried painting, which I've never liked, but I learned that it can be fun. I figured out new ways of connecting with friends and wrote lots of letters. I also cooked NON-STOP.*

*Although this time has been rough, I am thankful for the new opportunities it has brought. I look forward to the long walks my mom and I take every day. I look forward to the little things in life and appreciate more of what I have. I believe God is using this time for good, and although I am completely done with it and ready for life to go back to normal, I am still thankful. Having this as part of my senior year makes for a cool story, one I will never ever forget. — Sydney Leaman*

## SAVORING SENIOR YEAR

### Hannah Landis

Looking forward to senior year, I wrote in my reflection, “I can’t wait to be a senior, but this place has been my home, and I feel like I’ve sprinted at a mirage in the desert, excited for how that cool water will taste, but getting closer and seeing the mirage is actually a black hole. Now there’s not much left to do besides cherish every moment and wait for the inevitable gravity to suck me out into the world. We learned in Physics that items moving into the black hole are imprinted upon the horizon, forever an outline of light. I have one more year to shape my imprint, and then I’m gone.” Dramatic, yes, but it sums up how I felt about senior year: it was something I was desperate to hold onto and savor, knowing I had limited chances to leave an impression before I was sucked away.

Students have four years to leave their imprint on the Dock community—but senior year is meant to be savored, says **Hannah Landis**.

## READY FOR THE UNKNOWN

### Brian Hand

My senior year is coming to a close. I thought I would be leaping for joy that it is all over, but I can’t help but get emotional about it all coming to an end. But I am ready to move on. I’m ready for the unknown. I am soon going to be that lost, scared freshman in a different place with new people all around me. But I know I can get through it, and even learn to enjoy it. After all, I’ve been in those shoes before.



*It’s important to remain positive, but I want to remain true to the loss that stunned us. Though there were many moments of pain and sorrow, in between I got back into writing and art, passions that my tight schedule had left little time for. I developed a love for plants and all the care that goes into them, and geared up for next year. I plan to study writing and Spanish at Eastern Mennonite University, participate in their Honors program, and pursue some of my other passions in theater, choir, and art as well. — **Hannah Landis***

*I know many people were thrilled when Governor Wolf announced the school closings on March 12, but I was not happy at all. There were so many events I would be missing. But in reality, it hasn’t been that awful. Yes, I am sad for the things I have missed because of Covid-19, but there are also a lot of great things that have come from it. My schedule prior to school closing was not sustainable, and I probably would have crashed and burned if some time had not opened up because of the quarantine. The quarantine has also led me to completely change my plans for the fall. I have been creating virtual choirs during this time, and I will now be switching from an aviation major to audio and music production. — **Miguel Santiago***

*The last few months have not been how I expected my senior year to end. There are plenty of events I was excited for, and traditions I had expected to be a part of since freshman year. I could have spent the*

*last few months throwing myself one big pity party. But I am tired of mourning the loss of things that could have happened my senior year. Because what is my graduation compared to a pandemic? The people around me are safe and healthy, and I am grateful for that. For the first time in a long time I suddenly had time on my hands—and I have loved it. I have read books and comics, watched movies and stand-up comedy, played board and video games. I have also begun a correspondence with an older member of my church, and I always look forward to her weekly letters. I have found that whatever makes me happy is what I should allow myself time to do. — **Madelyn Bergin***

*This year ended unexpectedly. There’s no question it sucks, but after reflecting on the road that God has paved for me these four years, I am choosing to believe that good things are on their way that wouldn’t have been possible without the unexpected. — **Carlie Cocco***

*When people ask me if I’m upset about the Covid-19 situation, and all of the senior year events we look forward to being called off, I tell them that I am; I am upset. But I don’t leave it at that. I also tell them that God has a better plan for us, and He has it all under control. That is what I learned from the past four years of my life, and even though I am somewhat uncertain about my future, God knows what’s going to happen. I just need to rely on Him. — **Sam Williams***

## CONNECTING WITH OUR PASSIONS

### Carlie Cocco

*Social Issues* was another impactful experience in my junior year because it gave me the opportunity to research a topic that had set my brain on fire ever since I had heard about it sophomore year: Music Therapy. I was drawn to it, and the opportunity to research it solidified my love for the topic. The idea that I could help people using music made me so excited, and I began considering it as a career path.

Popped in the middle of *Newsies* was Senior Experience and Senior Retreat. This gave me time to confirm exactly what I had been asking God to answer: “What do you want me to *do*? How do I incorporate music and follow what you call me to do for the rest of my life?” God answered with Music Therapy. I had the privilege to shadow the music therapy department at Dock Woods for a week and saw how they changed people’s lives with music in a tangible way. The science behind it is beautiful, but watching in person what I had been learning about made me certain. In college, I wanted to study how to change people’s lives with the power of music.

**Carlie Cocco** developed her passion for music at Dock—and discovered she wants to use it to change people’s lives.



### “THIS WAS THE PLACE WHERE I BELONGED”

#### Olivia Celenza

As we slowly drove down Dock Drive with its stream of green pine trees and calm pond with ducks swimming by, it felt as if I was on a movie set. In all my life, I had never seen a place like this before. A place that celebrated nature and its beauty, but also a dedication to service and learning. Maybe it was because they stuffed my face with delicious cookies and soup the minute we arrived, or the warm smiles that greeted me as if I were a dear friend returning from a long trip, but there was no doubt in my mind that this was the place where I belonged. A place that would provide me with immeasurable joy and the greatest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. A place that does and will hold a special place in my heart for the rest of my life.

**Olivia Celenza** knew Dock was a special place the moment she stepped on campus.



### WEAK BOAT...STRONG FRIENDSHIPS

#### Sam Williams

When I look back at some of my fondest times in high school, one of the first things that will come to mind is the weeks leading up to the boat race. I was in *Physics*, and I was looking for some extra credit. I decided to sign up for the race, and some friends signed up with me. One day they asked me if I was ready to get started on the boat. I initially said no, but they convinced me to come, and that rainy Tuesday in May, I piled into a small hatchback with Catrah, Dalton, and Darius, not realizing I would spend the next few weeks eating way too much pizza, arguing about how much red duct tape to use—and having the time of my life. Our boat sank nearly as soon as we got into it, but I didn’t care. Those weeks we spent getting the boat ready, they weren’t about the boat—they were about friendship. Unlike the boat, those friendships are still strong.

The boat sank quickly, but the friendships **Sam Williams** (far right) made with (l to r) **Darius Ellis**, **Catrah Mann**, and **Dalton Moore** will live much longer.



## SENIOR PRESENTATIONS



Be sure to check out expanded Senior Presentation coverage online at [dock.org/lamplighterextra](http://dock.org/lamplighterextra)

### A CHANGE IN SCENERY

#### Alexis Daley

I have never considered myself a bad student. Deep down I always cared about my grades and wanted to do my best. In 9th grade I would get C's on my homework and tests, sometimes even a D or F. I would be so hard on myself and would get mad about the grade, but didn't think I needed to change my study habits for the next assignment.

Before transferring to Dock, I attended schools in another district my whole life. I remember elementary and middle school being so fun and being involved in lots of school activities. When 9th grade started and two rival middle schools joined into one, it was quite overwhelming. There were so many people in the hallways. There were also a lot of clubs, activities, and sports to get involved in—almost too many!

The larger class sizes also made me feel like I was just another number in the classroom. I didn't feel I was able to make a personal connection with my teachers, or that I could go to them for additional help. I felt like I didn't belong...the environment wasn't a good fit for my needs.

It was around this time my mom suggested Dock. To be working so hard outside of school to protect my mental health and happiness, but then be in a school that made me feel so miserable, I knew I needed to make a change. Around Christmas, we began the process of transferring to Dock.

My guidance counselors at both schools said it would not be an easy transition academically. I would be joining classes midway that had been in session all year. I would also have to take a math class after not having math since the first half of 9th grade. I knew it would be a challenge academically, but I felt it would pay off in the end.

The difference in the campus was dramatic from what I was used to. The open layout made it easy to admire the beauty outside and made for a nice break in a long school day. I remember being amazed by the infectious energy people had, especially when I sat in choir class. It's like people really *enjoyed* coming to school every day. I couldn't believe this was my new home.

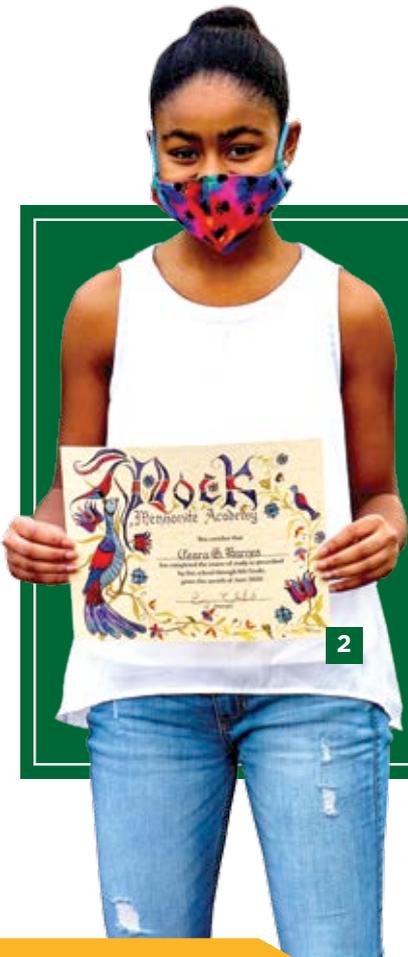
I took advantage of the smaller class sizes and I loved that I was able to form relationships with my teachers. I not only felt like I could go to them if I needed help with school-related tasks, but they also were a listening ear when I needed to talk about anything personal.

I found myself excelling in classes and enjoying what I was learning. I finally was grasping the concepts I was being taught, which made me realize that I really love science! I am proud of the grades I received at Dock, and feel that my education will help me in all my future plans.





# Pursuing passions



1. **Abigail Neiderer** came to Dock as a 7th grader, but connected instantly with both teachers and classmates.
2. Dock's 8th Grade Celebration this year was a combination of virtual and drive-through elements. Here **Ceara Barnes** poses with her fraktur certificate.
3. Dock Middle School teachers (l to r) **Mr. Nathaniel Freed, Mrs. Kathy Mease, Mr. Andrew Zetts, and Mrs. Claire Wanamaker.**
- 4, 5, & 6. The celebration featured an "8th Grade Parade" as students and their families were greeted by faculty and staff.
7. Students who had already received their frakturs circled around and stopped to cheer on their classmates.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

— John 15:5, EC-Grade 8 2019-20 theme verse

*Our 8th Grade Celebration featured virtual sharing by two families that have appreciated the impact Dock has had on their children.*

**A**bigail Neiderer has been a dancer almost from the time she could walk, and dancing is something she wants to continue doing for the rest of her life. Still, when she came to Dock as a 7th grader two years ago, she was amazed at how she was able to integrate this passion for dance into her Dock experience.

"One of the best parts of going to a small school is getting to know your teachers, and how they get to know you," Abigail said, speaking at Dock's virtual 8th Grade Celebration back in June. "My teachers at Dock have always been interested in this aspect of my life and have worked to include it in school. From focus group projects to being highlighted in the musicals to helping choreograph the younger students' shows, including dance in my school experiences has helped everyone get to know a side of me that I typically couldn't share at school."



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Abigail's mother, Robin, was also impressed by how quickly her daughter was able to connect to faculty in meaningful ways. "These incredible faculty took the time to get to know what I call 'the real Abby,'" she says, "and she came home so happy to not be treated as a number." Robin Neiderer was also grateful that Abigail found a group of girlfriends almost immediately in her new school. "They were kind, welcoming, faith-filled, and non-judgmental," she says. "I am eternally grateful to each of you for helping Abby to find her true self."

Whether students attend Dock from their first preschool years or join the Dock community later on, it is gratifying to see them mature and grow, says EC-Grade 8 Principal **Mrs. Bronwyn Histand**. "No matter the circumstances, through the joyful times, the hard times, the times of changing friendships and challenging academics, when they found success in sports, when they shared their creative gifts in music and theater, when we heard about their projects during Expo Nights, we have seen how these students are growing into the

people that God has called them to be," she says. "They have explored what it means to be rooted in Christ, and how that applies to their academics, their service to all of God's creation, taking risks, making mistakes, sharing feedback, and encouraging each other along the way. We celebrate the ways they have learned about hard work and discipline, creativity and talent, grit and focus."

Jody Detweiler and her husband Marc are in their 18<sup>th</sup> year as Dock parents, and watching their son **Justin** move on from 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year has reminded them of one of Dock's core strengths.

"I have watched Justin grow into a godly and mature young man, right before my eyes," Jody says. "His teachers have challenged him and loved him unconditionally throughout his years at Dock, and have taken a personal interest in his life. Ending this school year during the Covid-19 crisis has reminded our family that as long as we have Christ as the center of our lives, we can get through just about anything. This year has given us a new appreciation for all the teachers and staff members at Dock."



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Visit [dock.org/lamplighterextra](https://dock.org/lamplighterextra) to see additional images as well as the complete 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration video.



**Katie Trapp**  
*Charles Clemmer Art Award*



**Miguel Santiago**  
*Paul R. Clemens Bible Award*



**Makenna Rodriguez**  
*Paul R. Clemens Bible Award*



**Nick Halstead**  
*Career Study Award*



**Carlie Cocco**  
*Drama Award*



### CHRISTOPHER DOCK AWARD

The highest honor given to a student, the Christopher Dock Award is presented to one senior male and female in recognition of all-around campus citizenship, leadership, and scholarship during high school. The 2020 winners of the Dock Award are **Olivia Celenza** and **Miguel Santiago**.

# ACADEMIC AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

## CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The **Christopher Dock Citizenship Award** for 2020 was presented to **Mackenzie Derstine** (grade 9), **Sophia Messina** (grade 10), **Laura Frederick** (grade 11), and **Evelyn Elliott** (grade 12). The Citizenship Award is sponsored by Lee and Ruth Delp ('64) and State Rep. Steve Malagari. The award is presented to one student in each grade who consistently shows good character, citizenship, involvement and responsibility at Dock, and goes above and beyond to meet the needs of their classmates and the campus.

## SAM & HELEN LAPP PEACEMAKING AWARD

**Delaney Frankenfield** is the 2020 recipient of the **Sam & Helen Lapp Peacemaking Award**, given to a student who makes a significant contribution to peace on the Dock campus.

**Evelyn Elliott**  
*English Award*  
*Citizenship Award - Grade 12*



**Carissa Derstine**  
*Family and Consumer Sciences Award*



**Coco Zhang**  
*Mathematics Award*

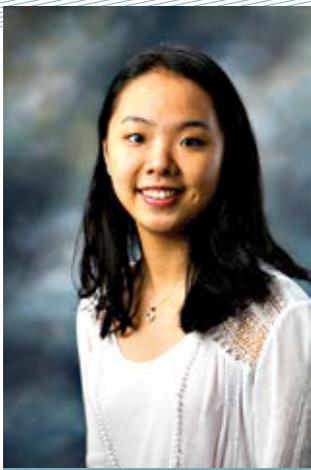


**Greta Schrag**  
*Music Award*  
*Daniel J Reinford Scholarship*



**Micah Kratz**  
*Physical Education Award*





**Jessica Zhao**  
*Science Award*



**Giana DePaul**  
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**Hannah Landis**  
*Writer's Award  
Daniel J Reinford Scholarship*

### SUBJECT AREA AWARD WINNERS

**Katie Trapp** – Charles Clemmer Art Award – *Class of 1961*

**Miguel Santiago** and **Makenna Rodriguez** – Paul R. Clemens Bible Award – *Moyer's Chicks/Moyer Realty*

**Nick Halstead** – Career Study Award – *Harleysville Bank*

**Carlie Cocco** – Drama Award – *Jim and Kendra Rittenhouse*

**Evelyn Elliott** – English Award – *Gerald and Rhoda Benner*

**Carissa Derstine** – Family & Consumer Sciences Award – *Landis Supermarkets*

**Coco Zhang** – Mathematics Award – *Libra Systems*

**Greta Schrag** – Music Award – *Ferne Alderfer*

**Micah Kratz** and **Cedar Smith** – Physical Education Award – *Landis Supermarkets*

**Jessica Zhao** – Science Award

**Giana DePaul** – Social Studies Award – *S. Duane Kauffman*

**Robin Dreps** – Spanish Award – *Living Branches*

**Thomas Schreiber** – Technology Award – *Jen-Tech Systems*

**Hannah Landis** – Writer's Award – *Gerald and Rhoda Benner*

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**Cedar Smith**  
*Physical Education Award*



**Mackenzie Derstine**  
*Citizenship Award - Grade 9*



**Sophia Messina**  
*Citizenship Award - Grade 10*



**Laura Frederick**  
*Citizenship Award - Grade 11*



**Delaney Frankenfield**  
*Sam & Helen Lapp  
Peacemaking Award*





**Braden Landis**

*L. Travis Bechtel Scholarship*



**Elizabeth Longacre**

*Daniel J Reinford Scholarship*



**Sydney Leaman**

*Abington Hospital-Lansdale Scholarship*



**Kate Landis**

*Daniel J Reinford Scholarship  
American Association  
of University Women  
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Rotary Club of Souderton-  
Telford Scholarship*



**Madelyn Bergin**

*Vanessa L. Myers Women in  
STEM Scholarship  
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Rotary Club of Souderton-  
Telford Scholarship  
Harleysville Rotary Club  
Scholarship*

### L. TRAVIS BECHTEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Braden Landis** is the 2020 recipient of this \$1,000 scholarship, sponsored by Baum Smith & Clemens and named for Travis Bechtel of the Class of 1991. It is awarded to a senior who excels in three of Travis's high school interests—academics, athletics, and business.

### DANIEL REINFORD SCHOLARSHIP

The Daniel J. Reinford Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors who will be attending a Mennonite college or university. It is based on financial need, grades, and contribution to campus life. Recipients in 2020 include **Greta Schrag**, **Kate Landis**, **Hannah Landis**, and **Elizabeth Longacre**.

### VANESSA L. MYERS WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 scholarship is given to a female senior who plans to enter a STEM-related field. The 2020 recipient is **Madelyn Bergin**.

### ROTARY CLUB OF SOUDERTON-TELFORD SCHOLARSHIP

The Souderton-Telford Rotary Club awards two scholarships. The first is for a graduate who plans to major in a STEM-related field, and **Madelyn Bergin** is the 2020 recipient. The second scholarship is for a senior who plans to major in the arts and humanities, and the 2020 recipient is **Kate Landis**.

### HARLEYSVILLE ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Harleysville Rotary Club awards a \$750 scholarship to a senior who excels in the Rotary's 4-way Test and demonstrates how it impacts their life. **Madelyn Bergin** is the 2020 recipient. The 4-Way Test asks four questions about the things we say or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

### ABINGTON HOSPITAL-LANSDALE SCHOLARSHIP

The medical staff at Abington Hospital-Lansdale presents this \$500 scholarship to a senior who wants to pursue a career in the medical field. The 2020 recipient is **Sydney Leaman**.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

**Madelyn Bergin** and **Kate Landis** are the 2020 recipients of the AAUW Scholarship, awarded to high-achieving female seniors based on academics and test scores.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

The Perfect Attendance Award is sponsored by Harleysville Bank. Recipients for 2019-20 include **Jonathan Anderson**, **John Bennett**, **Bobby-Jo Dodds**, **Shayne Farmer**, **Ian Hunsberger**, **Emily Irvin**, **Trinity Landis**, **Isabel Mack**, **Dalton Moore**, **Chris Zhang**, and **Frank Zheng**.



Jonathan Anderson



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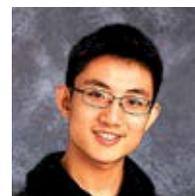
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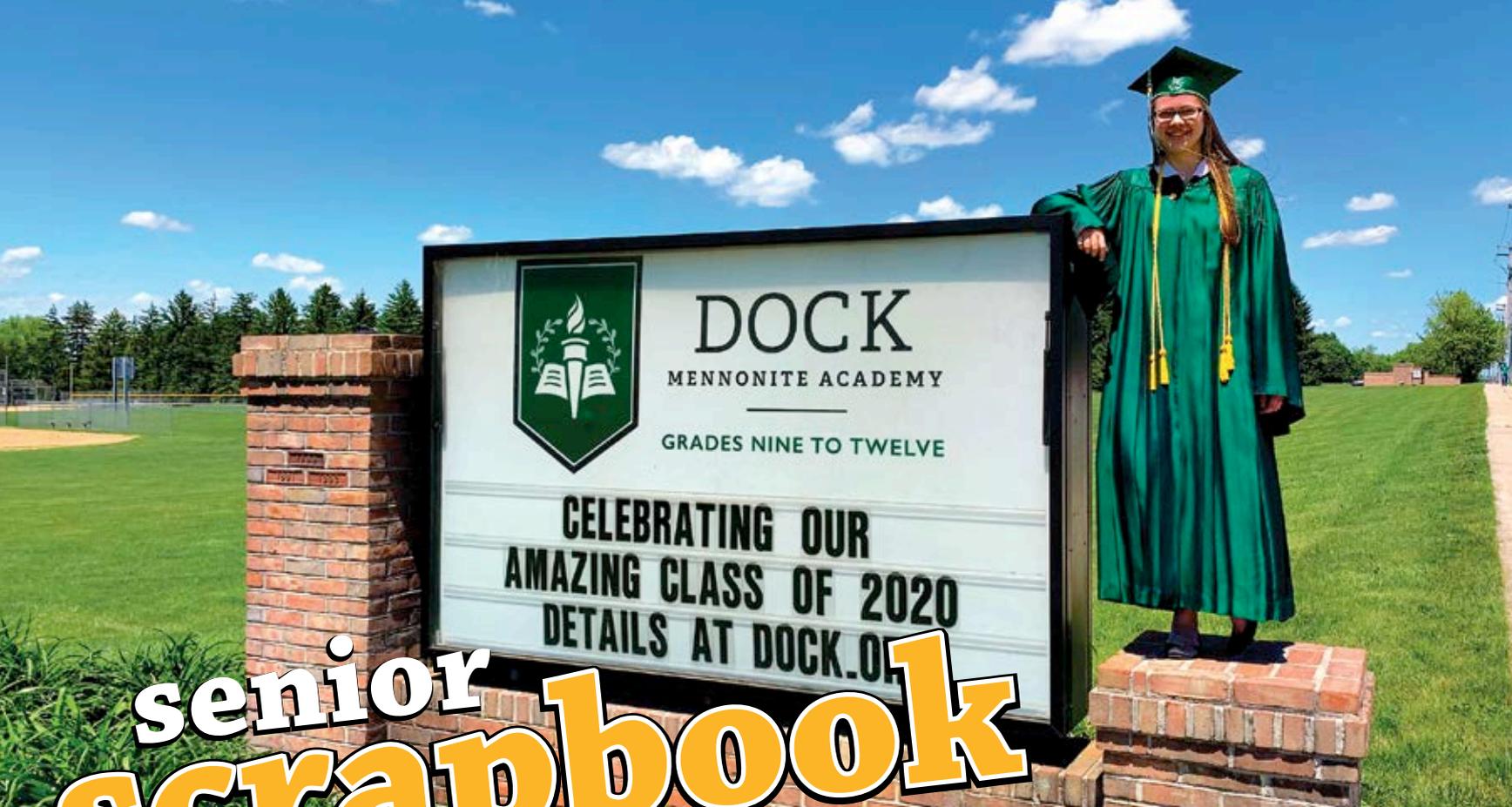
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# senior scrapbook

*We want the Class of 2020 to remember that their senior year was about much, much more than Zoom classes, face masks, and social distancing.*

When the Class of 2020 looks back on their senior year, they might be tempted to think mainly about face masks, classes on Zoom, social distancing, or missing out on some of the signature senior year events like Junior-Senior Banquet, All-School Social, Boat Races and the plunge into Groff Pond on the last day of school.

While the 2019-20 school year ended much differently than it began, and had perhaps more than its share of disappointments, seniors also squeezed a lot of fun and fantastic memories into the time they *did* spend on campus for their final year at Dock.

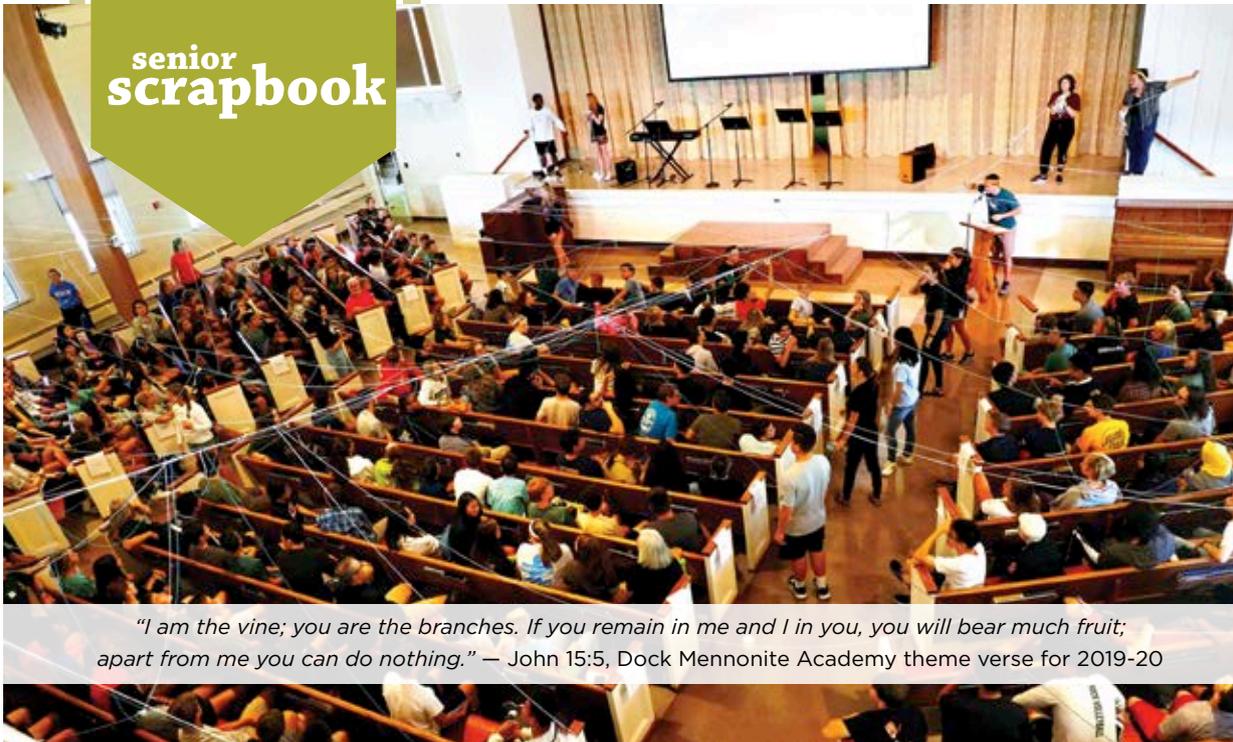
This Senior Scrapbook, this entire issue of *Lamplighter*, is dedicated to the Class of 2020—and helping to preserve some of the happy moments from senior year.

Top: **Abby Delp** is on top of the...sign as she gets ready to graduate with the rest of the amazing Class of 2020.

Middle right: Dock Principal **Mr. Martin Wiens** (background) does a fine job of photobombing a graduation photo featuring (l to r) **Regan Zehr, Cedar Smith, and Makenna Rodriguez**.

Bottom right: **Laura Miller** loved her Class of 2020 yard sign.





**WE ARE ALL  
CONNECTED!**

In one of the first chapels of the year, on Pioneer Day, Dock students explored what it meant to be a diverse but connected community. Chapel ended with a visual representation of this, as students passed different colored rolls of yarn across the rows of the chapel, then lifted them overhead to show a web of interconnectedness among a diverse student body. The yarn also embodied Dock's theme verse for the year, John 15:5, symbolizing Christ as the vine we must remain connected to.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." — John 15:5, Dock Mennonite Academy theme verse for 2019-20*

**PIONEER DAY**

Seniors have always played a key role in Dock's all-school orientation day, helping to welcome new students to the school. But in the new Pioneer Day format, they get to participate in the fun as well. Pictured here are **Cedar Smith** (right) pulling for her team of freshmen in the tug-of-war; **Greta Schrag** (below left) and **Olivia Celenza** getting their hula on; **Eli Vasey** enjoying lunch; and **Carlie Cocco** developing her cereal balancing skills.



Visit [dock.org/lamplighterextra](http://dock.org/lamplighterextra) for more Senior Scrapbook photos





### THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE: 25 OR 6 TO 4

This talented group gave us one of the signature performances of Arts Day 2020, taking home the People's Choice Award for their cover of Chicago's hit song from 1970. Pictured (l to r): **Jesse Mong, Buzz Lightyear, Joel Rolley, Jacob Schimek, Calvin Derstein, Jonathan Anderson, Dalton Moore, Evan Mong, and Adam Berry.**

# The Year in Pictures



**Jonathan Anderson** riffs during a February chapel—one of the last Dock students would experience on campus together.

Senior **Bryanna Dix** receives ashes during Dock's Ash Wednesday chapel.



Senior **Alyse Sobetsky** drives to the basket during a home game against Bristol.



Senior **Peyton Phillips** (left) visits with **Jake Bunjo**, Director of Youth Ministry at Immanuel Church in Lansdale, during Pastors' Day last February.



### ARTS DAY PROMPOSAL

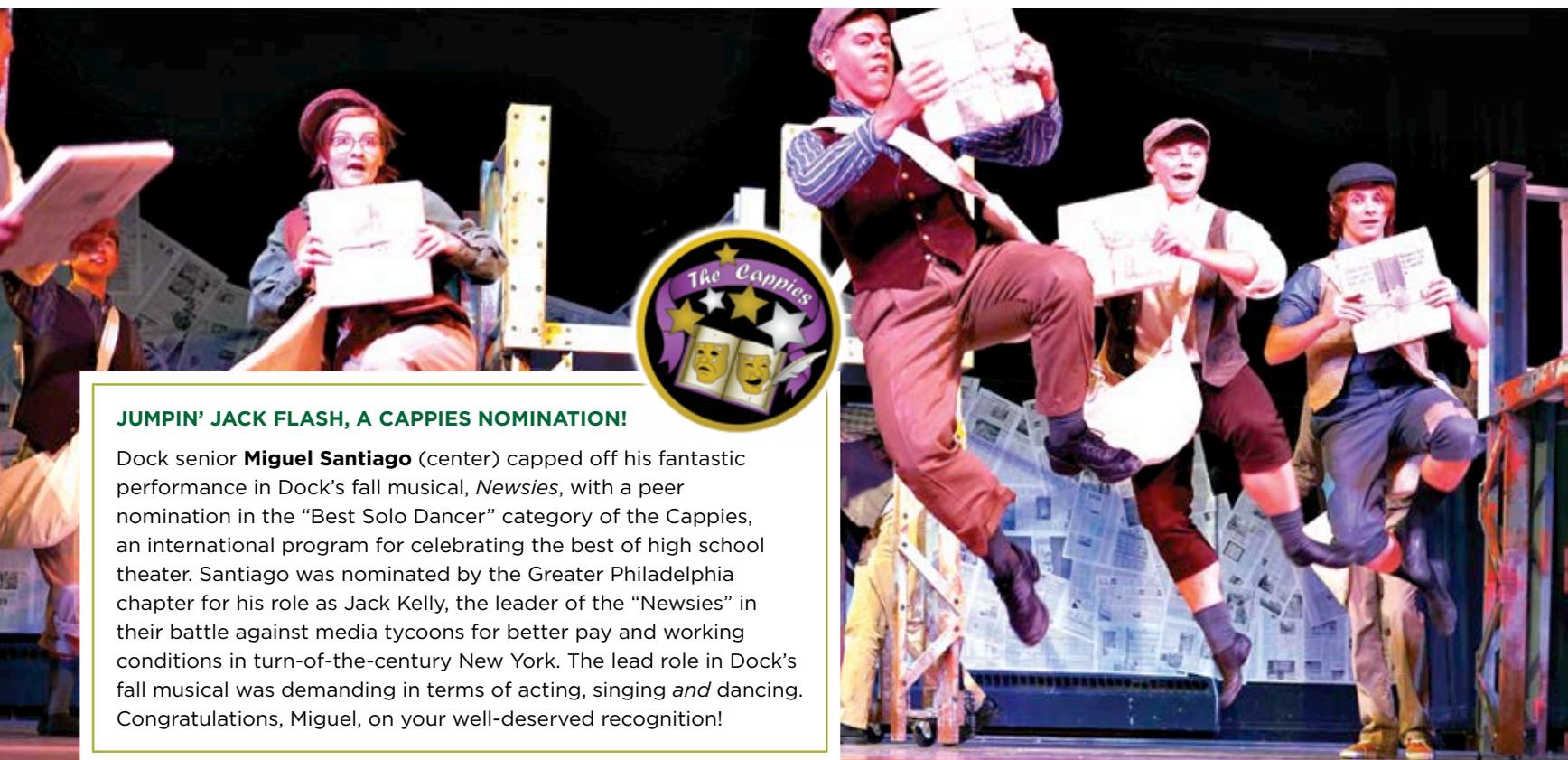
First **Jake Derstein** (right) danced with **Darius Ellis**—then he asked junior **Lydia King** to the dance. She said "Yes"—but Covid-19 said "No" to this year's Banquet.



Seniors **Hannah Landis** (left) and **Elizabeth Longacre** celebrate a correct answer in Mennonite College Jeopardy during Mennonite College Day last October.

### A SEASON TO REMEMBER

Dock's boys basketball team, led by seniors **Ralph St. Fleur** (pictured right), **Darius Ellis** (below), **Cecil Barnes**, and **Jake Derstein**, saw their spectacular 24-5 season cut short by Covid-19, just one win away from the Final 4 of the state championship tournament. That was disappointing, but takes nothing away from this talented and determined group of players, who were exciting to watch!



### JUMPIN' JACK FLASH, A CAPPIES NOMINATION!

Dock senior **Miguel Santiago** (center) capped off his fantastic performance in Dock's fall musical, *Newsies*, with a peer nomination in the "Best Solo Dancer" category of the Cappies, an international program for celebrating the best of high school theater. Santiago was nominated by the Greater Philadelphia chapter for his role as Jack Kelly, the leader of the "Newsies" in their battle against media tycoons for better pay and working conditions in turn-of-the-century New York. The lead role in Dock's fall musical was demanding in terms of acting, singing *and* dancing. Congratulations, Miguel, on your well-deserved recognition!



### LIKE DAUGHTER, LIKE MOTHER

It was an especially meaningful commencement for Dock seniors **Carlie Cocco** (second from left) and **Ruth Michel** (third from left) because their mothers graduated this spring, too! **Patrice Cocco** (far left) earned her Masters degree in Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance from Temple University. **Marlene Michel** (far right) earned her Masters in Education from DeSales University. Congratulations to the mother-daughter graduates! Photo credit: Rachel Michel

### A WELL-DRESSED MAN

Did you catch this moment of sartorial splendor during the Awards Convocation on May 29, courtesy of Technology Director **Mr. Darwin Zehr**? If not, you can watch it again, along with the entire Convocation, on our YouTube channel.



**Sam Williams** and **Katherine Long** speak during Dock's Christmas chapel on December 18.



Can there be anything cuter than seniors **Jacob Schimek** (left) and **Eli Vasey** tending to their "newborns" on the way to class? The only thing that could have made this better is if we'd caught them feeding or diapering.



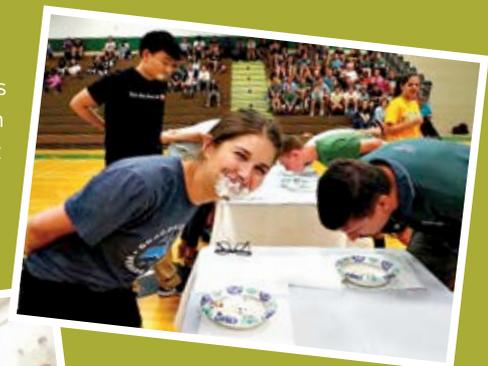
**Evan Mong** had plenty of percussion to tend to in the Concert Band's performance of "Cut to the Chase" during the Christmas Concert last December.

Senior **Madelyn Bergin** is focused on her flute playing during Dock's 2019 Christmas Concert.



**Christian Rush** gets the tug-of-war organized during Dock's Pioneer Day All-School Orientation.

**Makenna Rodriguez** was taking no prisoners in the pie-eating contest during Dock's Pioneer Day pep rally last August.



**Jessica Zhao** makes some minor repairs in the toy department at Care and Share Thrift Shoppes during her Senior Experience week.



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# A year to remember

