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To the Graduating Seniors of Salem Senior High School

## **Hello Salem Seniors!**

Congratulations to each of you on your hard work and achievements. You join a devoted and dedicated family of Salem High School alumni that live in every major city in the United States and throughout the world. If you ask many of them what is the one accomplishment they are most proud about they will tell you it is graduating from Salem High School!

I wanted to speak with each of you in person. I share your disappointment that your commencement ceremony, awards ceremony and alumni banquet will not happen as planned. I know the Alumni Association is hard at work trying to figure out how to make this up to you.

As you may realize, you join millions of other high school seniors in all fifty states and nearly 150 nations throughout the world whose graduation ceremonies were cancelled. You will forever share this bond with people your age throughout the world who with the completion of their secondary education, prepared to go to college or enter the workplace, have seen their families, their communities and their economies challenged by the first global pandemic the world has known in anyone's lifetime.

If you ever wondered as a high school graduate what can you do with you life that can make a difference, you have your answer. To repair our planet and to prepare in case this pandemic comes back will require scientists and engineers, doctors and nurses, health care employees and first responders and, of course, teachers and researchers.

You are Salem-strong! Growing up and being educated in Salem has taught you to be resourceful, to be self-reliant and hard-working and has equipped you to work well with people of many backgrounds. As a Salem High School graduate you can accomplish anything you set your mind to doing. It will be hard work and may require more years of study and training but you can do it.

Congratulations again, Seniors! I will watch with great pride as you go forth in the world, confident that many of you will accomplish great things. I look forward to meeting each of you some day in person either in Salem or wherever our paths may cross.

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