

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Congratulations to the Class of 2021

On Sunday, May 23, family members, friends and staff attended the graduation celebration for the Class of 2021. Congratulations to the 150 students that graduated from Edgerton High School. We are proud of your accomplishments in the classroom, in extra curricular activities, and your service throughout the community. I am confident each of you will be successful in your future endeavors. Below is the commencement address I shared on Sunday.

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Class of 2021 Graduation Address

Good afternoon parents, grandparents, family members, friends, and Class of 2021. On behalf of the Edgerton School District Board of Education, the administrative team, and entire staff I would like to welcome you to today's celebration in which we recognize the successful completion of a high school diploma for the class of 2021. Congratulations!

It is said that a person's true character is demonstrated in times of adversity. Well, this past year certainly had its fair share of adverse times, and yet each of you persevered with a positive attitude and a sense of optimism for your future. There's no doubt we didn't plan for your senior year to have so much uncertainty, yet you embraced the reality of a worldwide pandemic with tenacity and made the best of the situation.

Michelle Obama eloquently stated, “You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world’s problems at once, but don’t ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own.”

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, “What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.” You always get to choose your attitude in any given situation. I encourage you to always choose hope and optimism for the days, months, and years to come.

There is no doubt this past year was one in which many traditional ceremonies and celebrations were cancelled or modified, yet, just as you’ve done since kindergarten, you persevered and stayed positive.

Our presence here today suggests we are beginning to return to a lifestyle that is more familiar to all of us. Soon, this year will become a distant memory and the seasons ahead will fill with the new celebrations, new ceremonies, and new experiences.

In closing, remember that behind you are all your memories, before you are all your dreams, around you--all who love you, and within you is all you need. Class of 2021, today you close the door on your time at Edgerton High School and you open the door to a world of opportunities—step on through and enjoy the adventure. I wish you the best in whatever path you choose.

Congratulations on a job well done!