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## Resilient. Accomplished. Hopeful.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the Mineola High School Class of 2020 celebrated their graduation in a special ceremony in a parking field at Eisenhower Park on Saturday, Aug. 8. Gathered in their cars, graduates and their families commemorated their time in the district as one final group. Complete with in-person speeches and virtual performances, the ceremony may have looked a bit different, but was filled with the same level of excitement and pride.

401 a Lifetime of Learning.

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Mineola Union Free School District 121 Jackson Avenue Mineola, New York 11501 Nonprofit Organization U.S. Postage **PAID** Mineola U.F.S.D. "This class, this school, this story we've all journeyed on, truly leaves me speechless ... Love, work, life, time, sou'll always find poetry beneath these words. What we've accomplished as a family has been powerful, but how we've an make that a testament to our own individual character that is poetic ... Now is a time when you have to commit to but own narration, for the sake of you ... I only ask only felt by you." -Valerie Mallon, Salutatorian



"Write a future that you are proud to live. We are graduating during a turning point in our history that has taken us from a global pandemic to a fight for equality ... This generation will continue to change the world ... From this moment on, we all have two choices in life. We can either take a path that has already been aveed for us, or we can take another route." -Ankita Patel, Valedictorian

> "Living in the present is how we can make a difference." –Ericson Velasquez, Class President



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