

THE GRANDVIEW

Connection

June 2021

**Congrats
Class of
2021!**

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Cover photo: 2021
Valedictorian, Elle B.

The Class of 2021 tosses their graduation caps in a celebratory gesture at Senior Commencement on May 19th.

Photo courtesy of Photography by Marybeth





Excerpt from Candle Lighting

Jackie Westerfield
Head of school

Candle Lighting Address

Today we are here to honor the young men and women of the Class of 2021. When we left our campus on March 13th of 2019 - in the spring of your junior year, we did not know what was to come next. Some of you left school that day, leaving remnants of your junior class lives in your lockers, in a classroom, or the art room, expecting that you would be back in a few short weeks. The days turned into months as our campus sat empty, the sun rising and falling, without you and your then junior class memories to fill the space.

We did our best to recreate our traditional candle lighting ceremony for you last year, but we could not physically share the space. Today, we are fortunate to share the same space, but you may feel like there are missing pieces - that something has been taken from you that can never be replaced. While that may in fact be true, there certainly are missing pieces, but there is always more to a story than the heartache.

Heartache often marks the place where one existence ends and another begins. Usually, at Grandview, this ceremony marks the transition from your school-age existence to your next place. Yet your experience isn't typical. Your missing pieces arrived sooner,

perhaps in March of last year, or perhaps even before. The pain of heartache and loss makes the gift of missing pieces hard to see at first.

Childhood is about putting the puzzle of you together. You arrived on the planet as a beautiful, complicated, billion piece puzzle. Your family and loved ones helped to sort the box, find the edges and the patterns. Then one day your teachers and friends came along to help, adding more shape and more connections. Yet, all along, you have been putting it together. Each memory, each person, each personality trait, each place, each choice now yours.

YOU are carrying the weight of *becoming* you in a world throwing

curveballs. The pandemic changed the game and changed you. So how can there possibly be an upside to all of these junior and senior year disappointments? The wisest people among us have learned that the pain of loss, while sometimes unbearable, is the price we pay for joy. Joy is experienced by the innocent and the wise but can elude those of us in the middle.

Experiencing your first deep loss in life triggers an awareness that the world is not always fair or easy. Your true challenge on the road ahead is how you react to loss. The choice there, is to either to allow the missing pieces to multiply or, instead, to bravely capture all of the joy still available to you. The losses of 2020 are many, some tragic and some less so, but the next steps are critical. You now have a clear picture of what to treasure from this heartache forward. You will not miss future joyful pieces or your

life's puzzle for lack of awareness. You will be tuned in immediately to your priorities. You will hug your grandmother intentionally, you will smile at what used to annoy you about your little sister, because you know now that no moment is guaranteed.

You will gratefully gather to celebrate successes in your school, your workplace, and your home. Eating out with friends will not be taken for granted. The missing pieces of your junior and senior years will add color, love, and life to all of the other pieces to come. The connections will be stronger, the moments more intentional and the courage to be you in the larger world puzzle will be easier. If you so choose.

You are leaving high school with more wisdom about how to actually live life than an ordinary year could have provided. Seizing the day in the best *carpe diem* sense will *not* be lost on you.

It is not lost on us that you, the Class of 2021, did not have your final swim season, or your senior class trip, and that some of your loved ones may no longer be with us or are still ill. Yet . . . as the light is starting to break on a dark time, we will light our candles today in honor of you, in honor of what gifts you gave to us [. . .] but mostly the gift of your time, your precious time that you've shared with us. Your piece of our Grandview puzzle has mattered so much. When you blow out your candle today it will not mean that you are gone, or missing, but that your light carries on to and for those you've touched We look forward to where your light will shine next and we will keep the candle burning for you here forever. To the Class of 2021, we love you and we congratulate you.

Carpe Diem

Commencement

Senior Commencement was held on Grandview's campus in the Peters Family Gymnasium for the first time since 2012. Bringing this signature ceremony "home" was a welcome change, especially after a year where our community was unable to gather on a regular basis.

Elle B.
Valedictorian

Alexander M.
Salutatorian

Pedro B.
2021 Pride Award

Elle B.
Gene & Carolyn Ehlers Carpe Diem Award

Blake R.
Grandview Association of Parents Award

Michael D. & Jade B.
4-Year Athletic Service Award

Julia L.
2021 Academic Achievement Award

Natalia I. & Michael D.
2021 Service Awards



The 2021 Grandview Pride Award was presented to Senior, Pedro B. at Senior Commencement on May 19th.

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Elle Buckley '21

Valedictorian

Georgetown University
Walsh School of Foreign Service

Excerpt from Valedictorian address

"The world is an extraordinary place, a labyrinth. A big sphere of rebounding, deferred, dispensed choices. And we are a remarkable people tasked with making those choices, with cognizance and empathy, or carelessness..."

Congratulations to Grandview Preparatory School's Elizabeth "Elle" Buckley who achieved more accolades than any other 2021 Boca Raton senior during her high school academic career. Her honors range from a perfect SAT score in 2020 to becoming a National Merit and U.S. Presidential Scholarship finalist in 2021.

Not only has she maintained a perfect GPA during her time in Upper School as well as through her dual enrollment at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Buckley is an active advocate in her commitment to advancing the causes of justice, democracy, and liberty.

Grandview's Head of School, Jacqueline Westerfield says, "Elle has been an incredible student at our school since she was a very young child, but as impressive as her academic accomplishments are, her greatest gift is pairing them with a truly extraordinary character."

Alex Maciulewicz '21

Salutatorian

University of Miami
Frost School of Music

Class of 2021's Alex M. was honored to serve as this year's Grandview Salutatorian. "Being selected [as Salutatorian] showed me the value of dedication and achievement, especially in the academic world. I feel as though I'm helping to set an example for future senior classes on what an honorable scholar can and should be," says the recent graduate.

He'll certainly miss Grandview, but is thrilled to be only an hour south next year at the University of Miami. "Here, I learned about the importance of balancing community and academics. I was able to greatly improve my social and scholastic skills and am thrilled to be part of a community that values these two important aspects of any student's life."







Congratulations!



Kindergarten



1st grade



5th grade



8th grade



Award Recipients

Wellesley College Book Award & Florida Regional Dean's List Finalist:
Megan E.

National Merit & Presidential Scholar: Elizabeth B.

Teacher of the Year
Ms. Sandra Algarin

Excelsior Awards
Ana P., Vivi C., & Kaylynn W.
Starting a Business

Blake R.
IP Passion Project Chrome Extension

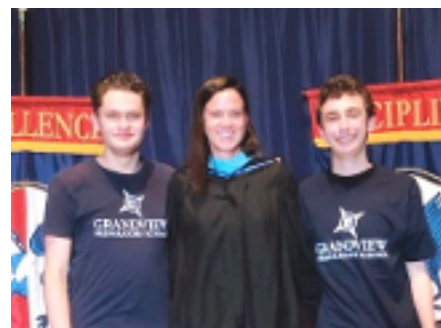
Alex M.
Statistical analysis of musical compositions

Elle B. & Alex M.
IP Spanish Campus Tour

Citizenship Awards
6th grade: Grace D. & Violet N.
7th grade: Marley F. & Ana P.
8th grade: Noah J-R. & Adam K.
9th grade: Lila W. & Landon W.
10th grade: Lily R. & Ben F.
11th grade: Steven B-J. & Jenny G.
12th grade: Elle B. & Alex M.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Steven B-J. Parker K.
Zachary D. Megan E.
Jason K. Grant M.
Andrew N.



Friends of the Everglades Recognition:

Sadie C.	Joseph M.
Grace D.	Violet N.
Max F.	Alessandro O.
Abigail G.	Logan S.
Addison M.	

National Honor Society

Madeleine M. 19-20)

Vera B. L.	Ben F.
Aiden B.	Lily R.
Andrew C.	Skylar W.
Thea D-P.	

Junior National Honor Society

Max D.	Jordan L.
Filipe C.	Gracie M.
Vittoria C.	Ana P.
Izzy C.	Joshua R.
Dylan C.	Gavin S. (19-20)
Marley F.	Eva S.
Lyla F.	Katerina S.
Eva I.	Mackenzie W.

Community Service Award

Brooke S., Alexandria K.,
Alexander M., Blake R.

Pathfinder Scholarship

Blake R.

Excelsior Awards

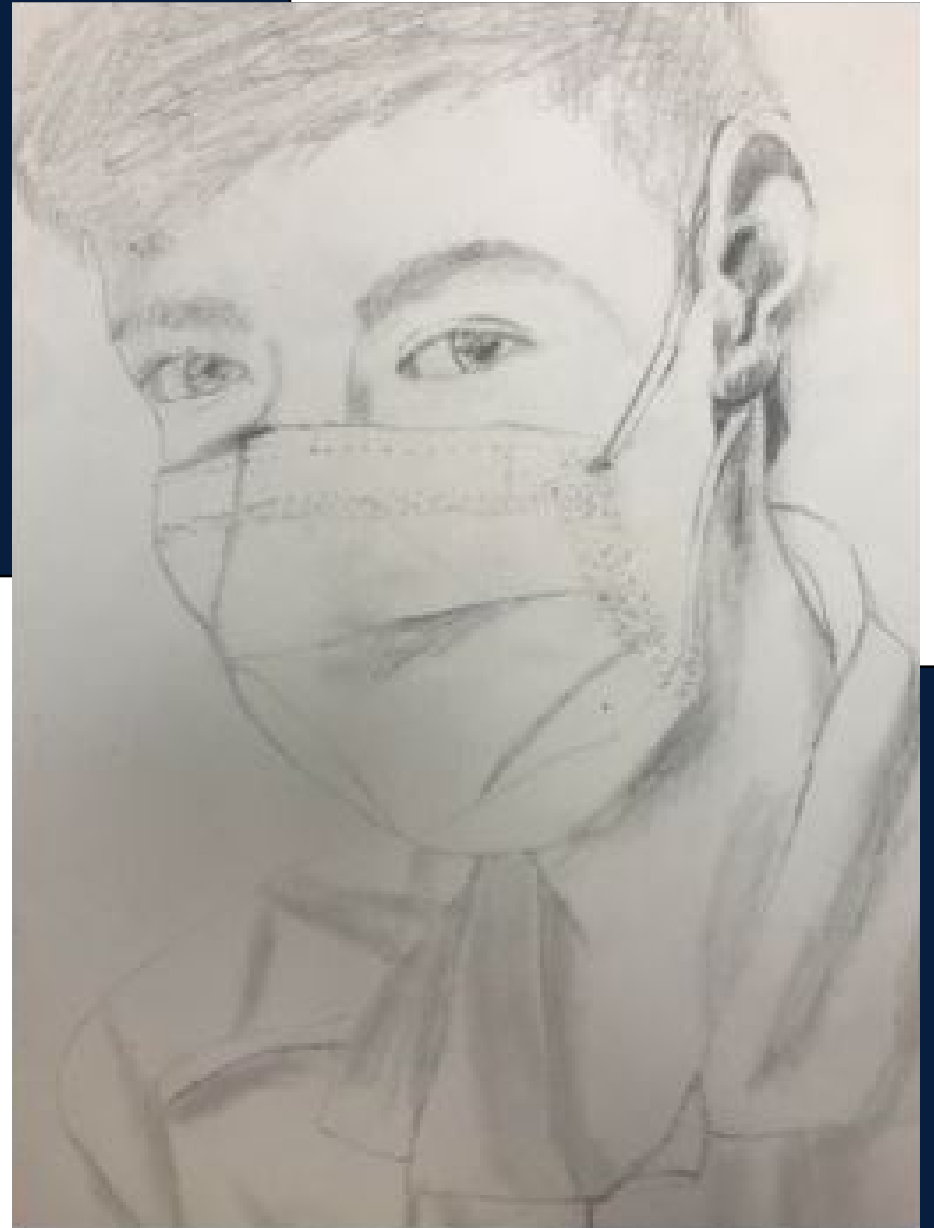
Mia K.
Art Portfolio



2020-2021 Student Art Exhibition



View the digital
look book



Cristofer Bennardo
Pencil on Paper
Middle School Art



Grandview @Evert

Last month Grandview sophomore Annie S. and her fellow classmates raised \$57,500 by hosting Game, Set, Cure at Evert Tennis Academy to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in their mission to cure childhood cancer. Annie's older brother was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood bone cancer in 2019 and, after two years of treatment, Sam is now a freshman at the University of Denver.

Those who wish to support the efforts of these students to cure childhood cancer can donate through Game, Set, Cure at stjude.org/gamesetcure.

Photo: Rising Granview Junior, Annie S. with Academy Director, Jacopo Tezza and Academy Co-Founder, Chrissie Evert

Appreciation Breakfast

Thank you to all of our parents and community members who attended the 2020-21 Grandview Appreciation Breakfast on May 6th!



Thank You, Parents!

Grandview teachers and staff are so grateful to GAP and all of our families for spoiling us during Teacher Appreciation Week!

We were treated to a relaxing outdoor yoga class taught by 5th Grade parent, Mary Evert. Not to mention all of the coffee, treats and lunches we enjoyed throughout the week. Thank YOU!



Grandview Association of Parents (GAP)

Join us Sept 14 for the next GAP Meeting!



The GAP Board of Directors (L to R: Nikki Stamm-DiLeo, Rebeca Portela, Janet LeGrand Rice and Ellen Dahl-Pedersen) was proud to present the 2020-21 Grandview Association of Parents Award to Blake Rand at Senior Commencement.





Ms. Isabal's 2nd Grade cohort celebrated the end of the school year with a unique twist: a Glow Party!

All of Lower School was invited to take part in the fun during the last few days of school.

Looking ahead 2021-22

JUN. 24	Digital Orientation Packet Sent
AUG. 1	All Documents Due
AUG. 9-10	2021-22 Orientation
AUG. 11	First Day of School
AUG. 25	Community Breakfast (All School)
AUG. 31	The Grandview Journey (6pm)



GPS YouTube

Candle Lighting & Senior Commencement

In case you missed it, both Class of 2021 end of year ceremonies are available to view on Grandview's YouTube Channel.

There are also highlights posted from 2021's Grandview Honors Awards Program announcing student academic awards and our 2020-21 Teacher of the Year!





Excelsior Ad Augusta

"Ever Upward to Honor"

Together we build our future
one thought,
one act,
one moment at a time.

We believe knowledge is freedom,
freedom is choice, and
choice is responsibility.
We understand we must choose wisely.

We must choose
compassion over apathy,
wisdom above ignorance,
sacrifice over selfishness, and
dedication above indifference.

For we know our future rests in this moment,
this place,
this act,
this thought.

It is our choice to give to one another this moment.
In this gift,
there is honor
now and forever.

Carpe Diem!