Principal Mr. Murphy, Introduction

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Mr. Murphy - Class President Introduction

Class President, Kate Biddle Speech
“One for the Books”

Mr. Murphy - Introduction of WJHSD School Board and Administration

Mr. Murphy - Introduction of Lydia Shaw

Lydia Shaw Speech
“Charting the Seas of Adversity”

Mr. Murphy - Announcement of Top 7

Mr. Murphy - Introduction of Alyssa Volomino

Alyssa Volomino Speech
“Triumph through Tribulation”

Mr. Murphy - Introduction of Superintendent, Dr. Ghilani

Dr. Ghilani Speech

Mr. Murphy - Diploma Distribution

Roll Call - Class of 2020

Mr. Murphy - Class of 2020 Military Recognition

Alma Mater

Class Dismissed
Virtual Commencement Ceremony - Friday, August 7, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
livestream.com
http://livestream.com/accounts/14682220/events/5555637
The Class of 2020
Thomas Jefferson High School
Class Officers

Class President
Kate Anna Biddle

Vice President
Nathan Drew Williams

Secretary
Tanner Rae Patrick

Treasurer
Leah Ackman

The audience is requested to rise for the Processional and to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please be seated following the Alma Mater and remain seated for the Recessional.

We request that you are respectful of all of the families during the ceremony and refrain from the use of air horns, beach balls, and all other distractions. Every family deserves to hear their child’s name called to receive their diploma. Thank you for your compliance and understanding towards all of our graduates.
Commencement Program

Processional “Pomp and Circumstance”.......................................................... Edward Elgar

Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome, Introductions.............................................. Pete Murphy, Principal

“Star Spangled Banner”.................................................................................. Francis Scott Key

2020 Commencement Speakers

Kate Anna Biddle......................................................... One for the Books

Alyssa Jade Volomino............................................. Triumph through Tribulation

Lydia Jean Shaw....................................................... Charting the Seas of Adversity

Presentation of the Class of 2020................................................................. Dr. Michael Ghilani, Superintendent
West Jefferson Hills School District

Presentation of Diplomas............................................................................. Brian Fernandes, President
Suzanne Downer, Vice President
John Hosmer, Vice President
West Jefferson Hills School District

Roll Call of the Class of 2020................................................................. Adam Knaresborough, Assistant Principal
Paul Ware, Assistant Principal
Thomas Jefferson High School

Special Recognition of Military Service..................................................... Pete Murphy, Principal

Alma Mater........................................................................ Louis Mango

Turning of the Tassels................................................................................ Class of 2020

“Fanfare and Recessional”........................................................................ James D. Ployhar
Board of School Directors
President - Brian Fernandes
Vice President - Suzanne Downer
Vice President - John Hosmer
Jill Bertini
Kimberley Finnerty
Kristin Shoemaker
David Dominick
Denise Kahler
Christopher Zacur

Professional Staff
Superintendent ...........................................Dr. Michael Ghilani
Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education...........................Scott Milburn
Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education........................Matthew Patterson
Supervisor of Special Education/Pupil Personnel .......................Jade Fiore
Director of Finance/Board Secretary ..................................Tracy Harris
Director of Human Resources ...........................................Lindsay Pfister
Director of Facilities ............................................Ryan Snodgrass
Facilities Manager ............................................Nicholas Fierst
School Psychologists ...........................................Lauryn Gray, Marissa Reed
Public Relations Consultant ........................................Carrie Lekse
High School Principal ...........................................Pete Murphy
Assistant Principal ............................................Adam Knaresborough
Assistant Principal ............................................Paul Ware
Athletic Director ................................................William Cherpak
Technology Director .............................................Gerry Dawson

Teaching Staff
Christine Bacola
Anthony Battaglini
Matthew Betler
Zachary Bonatesta
Denise Breisinger
Patti Burks
Kacey Carsone
Gwenna Cokley
Nicole Cook
William Corbin
Shannon Cusick
Jonathan Doyle
Gregory Erdely
Natalie Fink
Patrick Fiorilli
Elizabeth Floyd
Ashley Fluhme
Gregg Fouts
Leah Freeman
Dan Giger
Kenneth Gruntz
Katherine Hannon
Kelly Hollis
Ola Jaber
Heidi Karcher
Justin Kaszonyi
Lauren Kaszonyi
Daniel Kostella
Lisa Kostella
Lisa Lucci
Wendy Matta
Brian McClain
Amanda McHugh
Jennifer McHugh
Bradley Merklin
Sherry Meucci
Kelly Miller
James Mirabella
Tressa Montgomery
Lindsey Moore
Megan Morgan
Jason Namestka
Patrick Oster
Holly Peiritsh
Marlo Petersavage
Dennis Resnik
Dana Ritter
Allison Romito
Michael Rose
Kiril Salopek
Pam Sanders
Kelly Scears
David Shearouse
Melissa Sosanko
Frank Staffen
Michele Stoicovoy
Bridget Stright
Lisa Sydeski
Julie Tipton
Kate Weibl
William Wetzel Jr.
Daniele Winkworth
Jeffrey Zanetti
Acknowledgements

Director, Student Speakers .......................................................... David Shearouse

Guidance Counselors ................................................................. Karen Maple, Michael Kilcoyne, Erin Yeager

Nurse ............................................................................................... Ashley Gallagher

Social Worker .................................................................................. Michelle Lander

School Resource Officers ............................................................... James Modrak, Brian Peters

High School Maintenance Staff ....................................................... Robert Anderson, Jay Atkinson, Jack Baumgardner,
                     James Behers, Perry Billman, Marko Dopujda, Christopher Duda,
                     Karen Guyton, Jack Hruska, Jonathan Kelly, Jeanette McFarland,
                     Casie Mele, Michele Mele, Jodi Mitchell, Ronna Patton, Tom Pennell, Daniel Ranalli,
                     Beth Sherred, Joseph Sobeck, Lisa Steiner, Lisa Verbanes, Patty Wedel, Jackie Zimmer

High School Cafeteria Staff ............................................................. John Rambo, Julie Allison, Victoria Beveridge, Rene Dewit,
                     Deborah Dougherty, Tracy Fedor, Catherine McGrew, Denise Muffi,
                     Antoinette Pawlikowski, Kristine Shelpman, Samantha Thurner, Therese Tomer, Lisa Wood

High School Secretarial Staff ......................................................... Jennifer Allan, Charlotte Brickleyer, Melissa Dusak,
                     Lynne Haggerty, Connie Hornyak, Dorothy Kutscher

Paraprofessionals ................................................................. Joseph Cieply, Megan Dillard, Erin Hrizzo,
                     Cynthia Randolph, Patience Simon, Marie Werner

Power School & PA State Reporting Specialist .................................. Paul Bruschi

Educational IT Project Manager ....................................................... Eric Milan

Technology Aides ............................................................ Douglas Brickleyer, Stephen Ciechalski, Trudy Codelka

Class Advisor ................................................................................. David Shearouse

Marshalls ....................................................................................... Cindy Obiero, Benjamin Rubinoff

Senior Mentor Teachers .............................................................. Christine Bacola, Denise Breisinger, Patti Burks, Joseph Cieply,
                     Natalie Fink, Kenneth Gruntz, Heidi Karcher, Daniel Kostella,
                     Brian McClain, Jennifer McHugh, Bradley Merklin, James Mirabella,
                     Kelly Scears, David Shearouse, Bridget Stright, Lisa Sydeski
Thomas Jefferson High School

Leah Ackman
Mirza Khubaib Ahmad
Emily Elizabeth Alcorn
Rachel Clare Andreola
Mathew Armstrong
Nicholas Adam Armstrong
Aubrey Arnold
Phillip C. Barkac
Sean Joseph Barna
Destinie Rochelle Bedard
Ethan S. Bell
Luke H. Bell
Deanna Gabrielle Bennett
Katherine Rose Bereznicki
James Roland Bernard
Giovanni Nicholas Biagini
Kate Anna Biddle
Malia Bittner
Edward James Blaker
Makayla Blois
Ryder Dayne Bodzer
Grace Betty Bootay
Benjamin Michael Borneman
Gillian Margaret Bowitz
Maranda Louise Boyce
Matthew William Brozniack
Isabella Renee Bucy
William Joseph Bucy
Jacquelyn Maria Burich
Leyla Rustamovna Burkhanova
Eric Joseph Burnstein
Jordon James Burnsworth
Evan Callahan
Sean Anthony Candelaria
Jessica Elizabeth Carmen
Isabella Sophia Caruso
Abigial Grayce Chalovich
Alana Doyle Cleary
Sarah Kathleen Cocuzzi
Cathryn Mercedes Coles
Elizabeth Virginia Conte
Luke Edward Conte
Jade Conway
Maria Grace Costa
Jordan Ryleigh Crawford
Michael James Cunningham
Ethan Daerr
Bowen Michael Dame
Angela Johanna Danen
Logan Andrew Danielson
Alyssa DeAngelo
Daniel Brian Deabner Jr.
Marisa Ann Deanovich
Ann Marie DeFranco-Buch
Carly Danielle DeGruttola
Kayla Nicole Delaney
Natalie Dietrich-Ridgeway
Camden Michael Dimidjian
James Scott Dorsey
Austin Michael Dougherty
McKechnie Kevin Duda
Caitlyn Elizabeth Dziadyk
Autumn Regina Eckley
Marcus Gordon Empey
Sydney Elizabeth Esser
Tyler Matthew Failoni
Mary Falstin
Justin Finnegan
Brendan Joseph Finnerty
Jacob Fisher
Julia Constance Freedman
Taylor Maria Gaito
Natalie Rose Galioto
Ava Geiger
Abigail Elizabeth Gonzalez
Dylan Anthony Gooch
Ryan James Graham
Sydney Graham
Tyler David Graham
Ashley Erica Guidone
Ashleigh Summer Haines
Nicholas J. Halbleib
Sierra Hallam
Austin Jakob Haught
Denver Carter Haynes
Kerra Hennel
Kiley Hennel
Riley Donald Hovan
Matalyn Olivia Howley
Michael William Huber
Alyssa Hummer
Anna Camille Janosko
Michaela Marie Janusek
Bailey Keck
Evan Kempa
Noor Khan
Annie Khuu
Brandon Michael Kibe
Dylan S. Kinavey
Gavin Christopher King
Jenna Ann Kisner
Adam Klingman
Samantha Nicole Koessler
Dimitria Anna Kondos
Grace Elizabeth Konick
Paige Alexandra Krupp
Alivia Rose Kujawa
Casey Noelle Lako
Mara Kristen Lako
Gabrielle Marie Lamenza
Sean G. Landers
Camryn Marie Lanning
Vanessa Anne Legeza
Duane Keith Leiby Jr.
Jerry Li
Jaden Nicole Lotis
Ryan James Loukas
Class of 2020

- Alicia Lucas
- Halei Dawn Machi
- Jason Thomas Mack
- Mia Amatuzio Maddas
- Yash Pradip Maheshwari
- Mia Rose Maksin
- Dylan Alexander Mallozzi
- Elizabeth Frances Marks
- Angel Daniel Martinez
- James William Martinis
- Brian Anthony Mason
- Macie Mason
- Mason Tyler McGuirk
- Isaac Marvin Lee McNeil
- Jack Austin Mesina
- Delaney Sophia Metikosh
- Michelle Lyn Meucci
- Brian Miller
- Alexandra Rose Moore
- Natalie Rose Moore
- Eliana Jane Morano
- William Frederick Morano
- Alaina Jade Mulvihill
- Anthony S. Mulvihill
- Cassandra Jean Murin
- Erin Elizabeth Mykich
- Talia Napolitano
- Jarrett Jason Niegoskri
- Justin Alan Niziol
- Emily Lauren Olup
- Michael Dennis Opfer
- Hanna Louise Pasqualini
- Jahnadi D. Patel
- Pratham Pinal Patel
- Tanner Rae Patrick
- Garrett Connor Patterson
- Tyler Shawn Paul
- Logan D. Pazin
- Domenic F. Pearson
- Julia Gail Petrovich
- Becky H. Pham
- Noah Michael Pierce
- Ryan John Pitschman
- Julia Rebecca Putignano
- Dalaney Maria Ranallo
- Jayde Jedith Rega
- Isabella Rose Regna
- Jadyn Leigh Reinhart
- Austin Riley Renk
- Samuel Richard
- Owen Richter
- Emily Nicole Rimsky
- Jeremy Robert Rizzo
- Niyalii Yazul Fresneda Rodriguez
- Cathryn Maria Rossi
- Matthew Fred Rozanski
- Ethan Nicholas Safran
- Julia Kathleen Saltzman
- Christopher Michael Samolovitch
- Jacob James Schmidt
- Jaclyn Marie Schwartz
- Gauge William Scott
- Hunter Lee Seas
- Lydia Jean Shaw
- Hannah Elizabeth Singo
- Maxwell Emery Skalos
- Brendan Thomas Sluk
- Breanna L. Smith
- Victoria Lynn Smith
- Maddie Colleen Sneddon
- Brandon Joseph Sobeck
- Kelsey Elizabeth Stachtiaris
- Miranda S. Stanley
- Lexis Jo Stephenson
- Shane Stump
- Benjamin Stephen Sullivan
- Dylan Gerald Sullivan
- Drake Charles Sypolt
- Luke Thurner
- Zarchi Tun
- Tyler Emma Turk
- Kaitlyn Elizabeth Urbanowicz
- Brandon L. Vavra
- Ryan Anthony Venora
- James Vergallito
- Alyssa Jade Volomino
- Noah Christopher Vrabel
- Lennon Friedrich Wagner
- Molly Elizabeth Wagner
- Rylee Sha Walk
- Logan Warchola
- Allison Jean Weidmann
- Bailey Marie Weisbrod
- Nathaniel James Werderber
- Ashley Nicole Werner
- Jack Edward Wessel
- Amanda Raine Williams
- Nathan Drew Williams
- Haley Marie Woods
- Liam Owen Woodward
- Savanna Wright
- Rosemarie Joy Wysocki
- Natasha Sophia Yanief
- Mackenzie Rae Zang
- Annika Lorissa Zangrilli

* National Honor Society
+ Honor Graduate/Presidential Excellence Award Recipient
+ AP Scholar

These students upheld the following three standards of scholarship, attendance, and character to be recognized with honor.

Highest Honor Stole Indicate a QPA of 4.00 and above
Gold Cords Indicate a QPA of 3.6 to 3.99
Silver Cords Indicate a QPA of 3.2 to 3.59

(The appearance of a name does not ensure graduation.)
2020 Scholarships, Academic, Special and Service Awards

Jordon Burnsworth
SCVT Award

Abigail Chalovich
Scholar Athlete
WPIAL Scholar/Athlete Award Program Winner

Alana Cleary
Scholar Athlete

Sarah Cocuzzi
Société Honoraire de Français

Maria Costa
Scholar Athlete

Jordan Crawford
Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Bowen Dame
Scholar Athlete

Angela Danen
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient
Société Honoraire de Français

Daniel Deabner
Scholar Athlete

Alyssa DeAngelo
Scholar Athlete

Carly DeGruttola
Interact's "Four Way Test" Friendship Award

Camden Dimidjian
Scholar Athlete
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Mirza Ahmad
National Merit Finalist
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Rachel Andreola
Société Honoraire de Français

Ethan Bell
U.S. Army

James Bernard
Matteo Music Scholarship

Kate Biddle
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient
Scholar Athlete

Edward Blaker
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Gillian Bowyitz
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Isabella Bucy
Scholar Athlete

William Bucy
Perfect Attendance Recognition

Jacquelyn Burich
Faculty Medallion - Business
West Jefferson Hills Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Eric Burnstein
Scholar Athlete
Austin Dougherty
U.S. Air Force

McKechnie Duda
Brian Bauer Memorial Scholarship
Eric Holsworth Memorial Scholarship
G. Kenneth and Margaret B. Crawford Memorial Scholarship
Perfect Attendance Recognition
Scholar Athlete
WPIAL Scholar/Athlete Award Program Winner

Caitlyn Dziadyk
Kyle S. Liebold Memorial Scholarship

Marcus Empey
U.S. Air Force

Tyler Failoni
SCVT Award

Mary Falsting
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Jacob Fisher
Scholar Athlete

Julia Freedman
National Society of High School Scholars
Scholar Athlete

Taylor Gaito
Faculty Medallion - Science

Natalie Galioto
Eric Holsworth Memorial Scholarship
Robert Good Memorial Scholarship
Scholar Athlete

Ashleigh Haines
Scholar Athlete

Riley Hovan
Scholar Athlete

Michael Huber
Scholar Athlete

Anna Janosko
Scholar Athlete

Bailey Keck
SCVT Award

Annie Khuu
Société Honoraire de Français

Jenna Kisner
Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Dimitria Kondos
Scholar Athlete

Paige Krupp
Faculty Medallion - Music (Vocal)
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Casey Lako
Margie Liberati Memorial Music Scholarship
TJ Arts Scholarship

Gabrielle Lamenza
Faculty Medallion - Foreign Language (Spanish)
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Camryn Lanning
Faculty Medallion - Communications
Founder's Award
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient
Vanessa Legeza
Faculty Medallion - English
Société Honoraire de Français

Duane Leiby
Scholar Athlete

Jerri Li
Perfect Attendance Recognition

Jaden Lotis
Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship

Alicia Lucas
Faculty Medallion - Social Studies

Mia Maddas
Scholar Athlete

Yash Maheshwari
Scholar Athlete

Mia Maksin
Scholar Athlete
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Dylan Mallozzi
Scholar Athlete
Faculty Medallion - Physical Education

James Martinis
Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship
Scholar Athlete

Macie Mason
SCVT Award

Mason McGuirk
Interact’s “Four Way Test” Fairness Award

Isaac McNeil
Scholar Athlete

Delaney Metikosh
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient
Kathy Cecotti Memorial Scholarship
Société Honoraire de Français
TJ Arts Scholarship

Michelle Meucci
Faculty Medallion - Music (Instrumental)
Société Honoraire de Français

Natalie Moore
Harry A. Anton Memorial Scholarship
Scholar Athlete

Eliana Morano
Société Honoraire de Français

William Morano
Faculty Medallion - Computer Science
Scholar Athlete

Alaina Mulvihill
Scholar Athlete

Erin Mykich
Interact’s Outstanding Service Scholarship

Talia Napolitano
Société Honoraire de Français

Emily Olup
Robert Good Superstar Award

Hanna Pasqualini
Scholar Athlete

Jahnavi Patel
Société Honoraire de Français
Tanner Patrick  
Scholar Athlete  
Société Honoraire de Français

Domenic Pearson  
Scholar Athlete

Julia Petrovich  
International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Noah Pierce  
Scholar Athlete

Ryan Pitschman  
SCVT Award

Julia Putignano  
Edward Z. and Florence G. Bartolomeo Memorial Scholarship  
Eric Holzworth Memorial Scholarship  
G. Kenneth and Margaret B. Crawford Memorial Scholarship  
Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship  
Principal Leadership Award  
Scholar Athlete  
Société Honoraire de Français

Dalaney Ralallo  
Scholar Athlete

Isabella Regna  
Scholar Athlete

Jadyn Reinhart  
Scholar Athlete

Samuel Richard  
Scholar Athlete

Jeremy Rizzo  
Société Honoraire de Français

Cathryn Rossi  
Scholar Athlete

Matthew Rozanski  
Scholar Athlete

Julia Saltzman  
Scholar Athlete  
Société Honoraire de Français

Jaclyn Schwartz  
Albert Breisinger Memorial Scholarship  
Interact’s “Four Way Test” Truth Award  
Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship  
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, Premio de Honor

Lydia Shaw  
Faculty Medallion - Industrial Tech  
Scholar Athlete  
Société Honoraire de Français

Brendan Sluk  
Scholar Athlete

Breanna Smith  
Scholar Athlete  
Wrobleski Heart & Soul Award

Maddie Sneddon  
G. Kenneth and Margaret B. Crawford Memorial Scholarship  
Interact’s Outstanding Service Scholarship  
Service About Self - Pleasant Hills Rotary Scholarship  
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Brandon Sobeck  
Scholar Athlete

Kelsey Stachtiaris  
Société Honoraire de Français
Shane Stump
Scholar Athlete

Luke Thurner
Scholar Athlete

Zarchi Tun
Faculty Medallion - Family & Consumer Science
Interact's “Four Way Test” Goodwill Award
Service About Self - Pleasant Hills Rotary Scholarship

Tyler Turk
Faculty Medallion - Foreign Language (French)
Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Kaitlyn Urbanowicz
Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Alyssa Volomino
Scholar Athlete

Molly Wagner
Scholar Athlete

Allison Weidmann
Scholar Athlete

Bailey Weisbrod
Scholar Athlete

Nathaniel Werderber
Scholar Athlete
U.S. Marines

Jack Wessel
Scholar Athlete

Amanda Williams
Scholar Athlete

Liam Woodward
Faculty Medallion - Math
National Merit Finalist

Natasha Yanief
Scholar Athlete

Mackenzie Zang
Beth Israel Scholarship
Faculty Medallion - Physical Education
JFT Scholarship
Kenneth G. Langfitt Memorial Scholarship
Robert F. Brown Memorial Scholarship
Robert Good Memorial Scholarship
Scholar Athlete
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Annika Zangrilli
Faculty Medallion - Art