



AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PREPARE, SUPPORT, INSPIRE!

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Dear Graduating Seniors,

This has been quite the school year for all of us, and most especially for you. First, there was a series of Public Safety Power Shutoff events in October leading to six school closure days, then the COVID19 pandemic hit us leading to 49 days of distance learning and 54 days of physical school closure. It has been challenging for sure, but you have been strong and resilient, and I think you may have learned some things that you might not have learned otherwise. In fact, I know you have, and I have, too. For example, maybe we've learned how to slow down a little bit, go outside and be physically active a little more, pay more attention to the things and people that matter the most, and spend time – really good time – with our loved ones.

As I think about this year and I think about you, I hope you will look back on this historic time and remember the good things, the silver linings that shone through the challenges and difficulties you faced, and how you grew and became stronger. This experience has been one of those once in a lifetime experiences and we will be better because of it.

I am very proud of you and your accomplishments during the past 13 years in elementary and secondary school. I hope you will take with you many fond memories filled with joy, laughter, learning, and love. Remember, where ever you go from here, you will always have your Amador County Public Schools family that is cheering you on for more fulfillment and achievement.

As we send you off on your postsecondary path to the world of work, career and/or college, I'd like to share a short poem with you. Printed on the back, it is called "Dreams" and was written by a mom named Kim Erickson whose son graduated in 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Slavensky".

Amy L. Slavensky, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Dreams

Kim Erickson

You're the driver of your destiny,
Passenger of none,
In control and looking forward
Of things that must be done.

You're the captain of your ship,
Destination unknown,
Plans to help you get there
And freedom to bring you home.

You're the pilot of your airplane;
Fly as high as you can.
Life is what you make it,
So follow your plan.

Hopes and dreams not yet reached,
Motivation on display.
A journey full of ups and downs,
Experience gained each day.

Direction is always forward;
Backwards remains the same.
Discover your authentic self,
And have a willingness to change.

Enhance each quality given.
Develop talents you were blessed.
Transform your heart into one of gold,
And believe in more than yourself.

For every start there is a finish.
For every beginning there is an end.
Hold onto your accomplishments,
And even tighter to your friends.

