# VALLEY SCHOLARS SUMMER 2020

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020!!!**

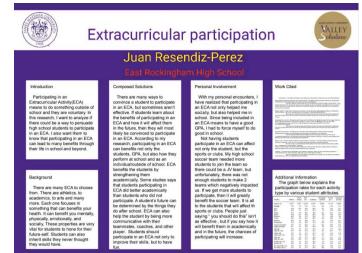
While the last few months have not gone the way we all imagined it would, nothing can change how proud we are of the class of 2020! They have put in the time and effort to earn good grades and challenged themselves with advanced curriculums. It has been our pleasure to watch each scholar grow over the course of their Valley Scholars experience and we cannot wait to see the amazing things they will do in the future. Here are the accomplishments of the Class of 2020!



- Class of 2020 graduates plan to attend James Madison University, Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, Radford University, Blue Ridge Community College, and Lord Fairfax Community College
- The graduating cohort has earned over \$400,000 in scholarships from outside sources and other universities. These scholarships include the Harry F. Byrd Leadership Award, SOAR scholarships, and several local community scholarships.
- The Class of 2020 completed 187 Advanced Placement (AP) , dual enrollment, and Governor's school classes, resulting in over 300 college credit hours.
- Six students graduated from the Shenandoah Valley Governor's School in Fishersville and Massanutten Regional Governor's School.

## SHOWCASE 2020

We were absolutely blown away by the quality of the showcase assignments this spring. While we are disappointed that we were unable to have our showcase in April, we plan to have a Showcase in September. In the meantime, stay tuned to the Valley Scholars Facebook page for our new Showcase in the Spotlight series!





# **NOW INTRODUCING...**

We are pleased to welcome the seventh cohort of the Valley Scholars program, the class of 2025. After an adapted application process due to COVID-19, we are excited to welcome 45 new students into the Valley Scholars family. We cannot wait to see all of their wonderful accomplishments!

### **GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL**

Governor's schools strive to meet the needs of gifted and highly motivated students. Congratulations to our 10 scholars on acceptance to the Governor's schools for the 2020-2021 school year. A total of 21 scholars from the Valley Scholars program have been accepted into the Governer's Schools.





#### **SWITCHING GEARS**

Throughout the transition to virtual programming our scholars have shown their resilience and determination. Since schools closed March 13th, 168 students participated in eight online workshops, which included: transition to college, healthy relationships, SAT preparation, and selected TED Talks. Academic coaches and mentors continued holding weekly meetings via Zoom and Webex in order to further connect with students from a distance. Even when circumstances prevent us from physically being together, Valley Scholars continues to foster a strong sense of community across all cohorts.

# OUR DONORS...

A huge thank you to our donors! We are excited to announce that the Stavros Niarchos Foundation has invested in the Valley Scholars Program for the 2020-2021 school year. It is because of their generous support that we are able to continue our program in these unprecedented times. Thank you!



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