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sorry." The important fact is that there is a resolution.

Rick Warren once said, "We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it."

Our mistakes and failures are going to be there, but we can choose to carry them on our backs until we give out, or we can place them under our feet to lift us to our next goal.

Judas chose to let the weight fall on his back, and his RESPONSE was decided: He gave up. He thought recovery would be too hard...impossible.

It is never easy to fight through mistakes and wrongs. Struggles are a part of life. but if we fight to overcome our struggles, we will become better, stronger people. Unlike Judas, succumbing to overwhelming situations should not be an option.

A closely related example of RESPONSE to adversity can be found in another one of Jesus' disciples who had a different response. Unlike the Judas tragedy, positive, world-changing outcomes were the result of this person's response to his failure. This resilient person would become "the rock" upon

whom Jesus founded his church. His name was Peter.

Both men lived much the same life, in the same time period, and oftentimes in the same home. Peter, much like Judas, also betrayed Jesus by denying he ever knew Jesus, his dear friend. Not just once did he deny Jesus, but three times. And like Judas, Peter's initial response was one of immense sorrow. But when Peter realized what he had done, unlike his friend Judas, PETER never gave up in seeking to right his wrong. Peter was devastated at his failure. But he used his failure to strengthen his relationship with his Lord and to further carry out his life's purpose.

See, Peter's RESPONSE was to face his adversity head-on, to acknowledge his wrong, and to fight back in his struggles.

This is how we should attack our struggles — whether it be Covid-19 or the many looming problems that are certain to present themselves in our future.

Adversity is not a roadblock. It is a ladder to further develop ourselves as people of character and of purpose. When our

RESPONSE is not to use that ladder, we become like Judas and sink within ourselves, but when we RESPOND like Peter and use that ladder to get us out of our sinking situation, we move forward and become better people.

We have to work hard. We have to face our struggles and fight our battles. Our RESPONSE every day must be to climb that ladder of life and to fight through our pain, our strife, and the negative events going on in our lives and in our world.

Finally, to my school family, my classmates, this is the reality: Life is never going to just be one easy journey. Some of us will lose jobs, some of us will lose family members, some of us will suffer illnesses, some of us will face financial struggles, some of us will face depression and addictions, some divorce — and the list could go on. One thing is for sure: We ALL will deal with something.

So let us remember the life law of E + R = O. EVENTS in life will happen! RESPONSES to those events will take place.

There will be OUTCOMES. The only factor in

this life which we can control is the RESPONSE that will certainly affect the OUTCOME.

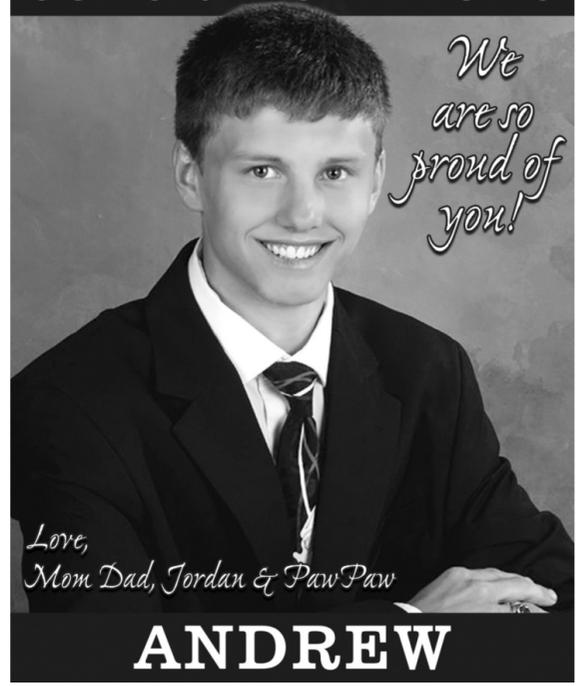
Repeatedly we will make the decision: Will I lie down and give up, or will I fight back, learn, and overcome?

I know you, my classmates, are capable of great things! So let us use our struggles to mold us into better people. Let us fight through the adversity that is here and that will come. But, most importantly, let us all know the security and hope that is in Jesus.

Class of 2020, let us take on the real world with the overcomer attitude that WE were born for!

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CONGRATULATIONS



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- being district champions in football and girls basketball this year

- having our first volleyball collegiate signee after only two years since it was formed

- all senior female soccer players signing to play in college,

- competing in the third round of playoffs in baseball for the first time in over 10 years,

And being able to play on the recently constructed soccer complex.

There have also been multiple collegiate signees in Football, Baseball, Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Softball, and Band.

Through clubs, we have showcased our individual talents and leadership to hundreds, if not thousands, of different people. We have won numerous competitions, been elected into authoritative roles, and put our skills to the test. There are literally countless different achievements that each club has made that it will be nearly impossible to name them all. Whether it

be FFA, FBLA, BETA, HOSA, WILDPAT, SKILLS USA, or any other club, members from these clubs will take their memories from these clubs and use them for good in their life.

Although high school is a relatively very small portion of our life, it is also one of the most important ones. The memories that we make and share in these years will eventually define us. Our memories are what makes us "us", and we should embrace who we are!

We are the kids born during 9/11, we are those that will never have senior prom, and we are the class that thought we would never have graduation, yet we are here today, in the midst of a pandemic, to show the world that we will not let this be the only thing that defines us.

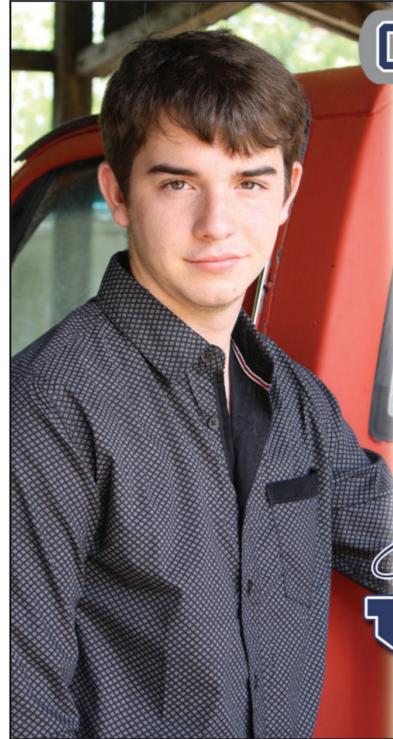
The memories of our time here will help us push through this and will prepare us for the trials of tomorrow.

We are the class of 2020

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and we will not be shaken by this, and our history shows that we are more than ready for the future.

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