

2022 Commencement to be held at Woodruff Stadium

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The last hurral for the Alleghany High School Class of 2022 will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13, with the awarding of the class' high school diplomas on Woodruff

Some 85 seniors are slated to receive their diplomas, 10 fewer than in 2021. In case of rain, the outdoor program will take place on Saturday,

May 14, beginning at 10 a.m. The traditional program begins with the presentation of the colors by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7034,

National Anthem by senior Karis Howell, who is also one of this year's graduates.

Five honor graduates will take part in the ceremony. The Pledge of Allegiance is led by Danielle Taylor, followed by welcoming remarks by Hazel Pasley. Abigail Smith will offer the invocation.

Lyon will make some special awards, followed by AHS Principal Travis Sturgill who will recognize the class.

Hayley Renee Bare and Maria Tadeo-Orduna will then address the crowd.

AHS Assistant Principal

followed by the singing of the Alicia Murzin will introduce the class followed by Sturgill's presentation of the diplomas.

This class of 2022 is the last graduating class to experience what was once considered a normal high school year. They began their time at AHS as freshmen in the fall of 2018. In many ways 2018-Athletic Director Noah 19 was quaint from a post-COVID perspective.

The 2019-20 school year started without fanfare. However, this newspaper first published information on COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, and the following week the headline at the top of page

1 announced, "Schools close; alternating weeks permitted dining out nixed."

The March 25 issue announced that the schools had geared up to provide take-out and delivered meals to students.

Students would not go back to school until the fall.

Graduation was a drivethrough event with each senior and their family getting time on Woodruff Field with school officials. Awards ceremonies were streamed.

The class of 2020-21 began with students alternating between in-school education and remote learning at home for four days a week. The

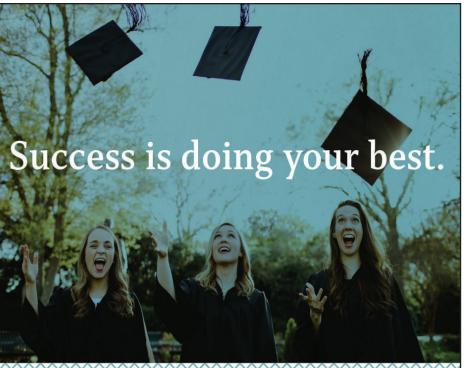
students to be more spread out while in school, but it also meant that they saw only half their classmates.

The current school year returned to some normalcy as students were in school five days a week. They began the year required to wear a mask during the school day.

In-home instruction was still an option when classes had to be quarantined because of a case of COVID by a student or teacher. In many cases, in-home instruction kept students in school when in previous years they would have had a snow day.

Some of the changes these students have experienced, like remote work, may very well remain a permanent part of our society.

The Class of 2021-22 goes out into the world with handson experience in this means of education and conducting business. They survived one of the most fraught times in recent history. Hopefully their spirits are lifted by the efforts that were made by so many of their parents and educators to ensure, in spite of difficult circumstances, that they would be able to graduate with a quality education.



That's why we're so proud to support the graduates of this community. It takes ambition, dedication and perseverance to earn you place in line. We think that's worth commending. Thank you, Alleghany High School graduates, for always giving your best.

Congratulations Class of 2022 - You did it!

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