



Congratulations!

to the Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg Class of 2020



We are so proud of the Academy Prep Class of 2020! As they begin their journeys into high school we are confident their time spent here at Academy Prep has taught them that with a commitment to excellence and dedication to hard work they can achieve their goals and be successful. We are even more certain of the future success of our graduates as the perseverance, determination, and leadership they have demonstrated during the fourth quarter of distance learning has continued to show us **#CovidCantStopGOOD!**



Watch the 2020 Commencement Video here:
<https://vimeo.com/academyprepstpete>

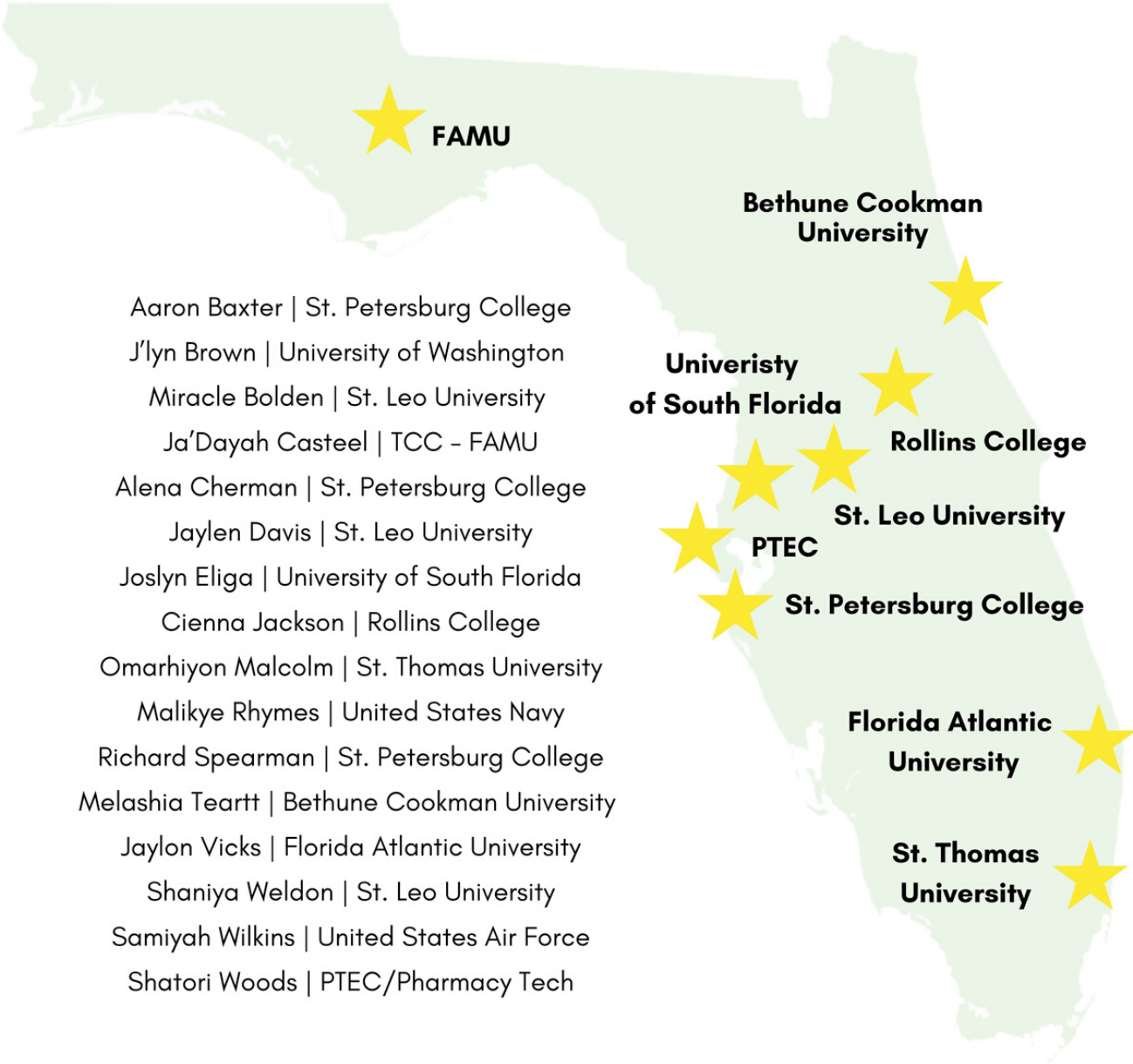
GRADUATION PARADE 2020



In late May, we welcomed our graduates back to campus for a safe and socially distanced commencement parade to start their graduation day. Students arrived to a true celebration complete with party music, announcements of their name as they arrived, and a lot of cheering and dancing from faculty and staff as they made their way through the parking lot. At the end of the line, each student received their diploma, yearbook, special gifts and sweet treats to enjoy with their family for the premiere of their graduation video that night. There were so many smiles, laughs, and happy tears as our graduates and families felt the love and support from their Academy Prep family. We would like to thank all of our trustees, teachers, staff, volunteers, and mentors that participated in this memorable moment for our graduating Class of 2020 and their families.

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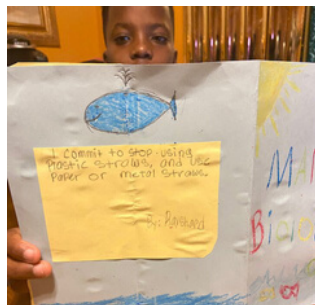
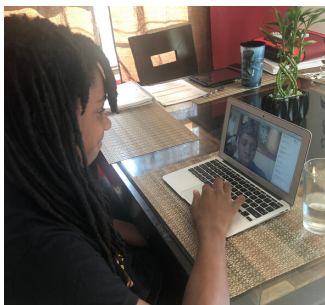
Welcome Back!

to the

2020 - 2021 School Year

VIRTUAL FOURTH QUARTER

Challenging and unexpected situations often lead to innovation and fortitude, especially for people who carry with them a positive mindset. Like all schools, Academy Prep had to quickly shift gears to online learning during the fourth quarter, yet we had prepared well for this challenge in advance and our families responded with understanding, kindness, and continued commitment to ensure their children continued on their learning journeys. While some schools lowered expectations due to the move to online learning, that was never an option for Academy Prep. Our mission is to educate future community leaders, and we pushed through the challenges of distance learning by maintaining high expectations and supporting every individual scholar. After distributing Chromebooks, building and implementing Google Classrooms, acclimating to Zoom, and rallying together as a community through efforts like the Read & Feed Program, we had a positive, uplifting end to the 2019-2020 school year that culminated in a moving virtual graduation ceremony for the Academy Prep Class of 2020.



LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

As we look ahead to the 2020-2021 school year, there are clear signs of increasing spread of Covid-19 in St. Petersburg, which has the potential for significant consequences on area schools, on Academy Prep families, and on our community. Due to these risks, Academy Prep has elected and been approved to continue distance learning through the first semester. Our commitment to continue enhancing our online learning structures is strong. Thanks to generous donations from the local community, each scholar will be assigned a brand new Chromebook and headphones that will remain in the student's care during the school year, allowing scholars to minimize distractions and facilitate stronger focus during class sessions.



ONLINE SUMMER SESSION

We were honored to welcome so many returning and new families to our online Summer Session held this June. Academy Prep continued to provide all scholars the opportunities to engage with teachers, continue building their skills, and strengthen bonds that make us a strong Academy Prep family. Lower School students had a range of classes from English and Science to Character Education, Fine Arts, and the critical Academy Prep Way led by our Dean of Students, Mr. Ken Watson. Teachers were blown away by students' engagement, focus, and genuine love of learning. We are excited the new scholars performed so well, and are looking forward to see how they develop as young men and women of the highest character. Upper School students had opportunities to refine their research and math skills while learning more about their unique personalities and how to leverage their strengths during Mr. Culbreath's always fascinating, thought-provoking sessions. In all, it was an outstanding Summer Session!

Virtual School Supply Drive



As Academy Prep scholars prepare to return to the 2020 - 2021 school year through distance learning, many families have expressed the need for supplemental technology equipment. If you feel inclined to help provide an Academy Prep scholar with the items they need to enhance their remote learning experience please donate before July 31st. Thank you for your support!

Your donation may provide:

Privacy Screen
Portable Lap Desk
Dry Erase Board Set
Wireless Mouse
Sensory Cushion



Thank You!

Trevor Burgess and Gary Hess

We would like extend a special thank you to Gary Hess and Trevor Burgess for making it possible for all Academy Prep scholars to have their own Google Chromebook and carrying case to begin the virtual 2020 school year. We appreciate how much Gary and Trevor value education, especially in marginalized communities, and how much they support Academy Prep's mission, and the hard work of our scholars. Thank you Gary and Trevor!

<https://bit.ly/APSPVirtualSupplyDrive>