

Class of 2020 Updates

A Special Message to the Men of the Class of 2020

You have had a senior year unlike any in the history of Delbarton School, and your official departure from Delbarton is also destined to be unique.

In this significant moment of transition in your lives, we will honor this important time of change and farewells. Current state-mandated directives regarding COVID-19 prevent us from hosting the typical senior class events on campus on their previously scheduled dates. However, as promised, today we unveil our alternate plan for your class. We intend to condense many of the experiences you would typically enjoy at the end of your senior year at Delbarton into one long and memorable weekend.

Since none of us knows what the future holds for group gatherings in the New Jersey, and based on survey results from you and your parents, we selected one long weekend in late June (June 25-28) and, as back-up, a second long weekend in late July (July 30-August 2). Additionally, we will host a special Senior Awards event on campus on the morning of Saturday, June 6 (details to follow).

Your Senior Weekend will include a Thursday evening Welcome BBQ in the Garden hosted by the Delbarton Alumni Association. On Friday evening, you and your guests will enjoy a very special Seniors-only Prom in the Garden. We have asked the Delbarton Mothers' Guild to help us with event-planning, so prepare to be awed! On Sunday morning, the Baccalaureate Mass will take place in the Abbey Church, immediately followed by the Commencement ceremony and a festive reception in the Garden for you and your families. Dates and general plans for both weekends appear below.

We will do whatever it takes to make this celebration of your Delbarton experience one to remember and treasure. After all the disruption and disappointments of the past seven weeks, we believe that the Class of 2020 deserves an epic send-off.

We are forever grateful for your energy, loyalty and grit – and we will not let you down as you depart Delbarton and move on to the next exciting chapter in your life. Please look for more detailed event information in the weeks to come. Thank you for your patience, thank you for your leadership, and we look forward to celebrating together with you and your families back at Delbarton soon.

Special Senior Awards Event – Saturday Morning, June 6 (**See Page 2 for information about June 6 Awards Event**)

Weekend One: Thursday, June 25 – Sunday, June 28

Thursday, June 25, 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Evening BBQ in Garden hosted by Delbarton Alumni Association

Friday, June 26, 7:00 – 11:00 pm – Senior Prom in the Garden

Sunday, June 28 11:00 am – Baccalaureate Mass followed by Commencement and Garden Reception

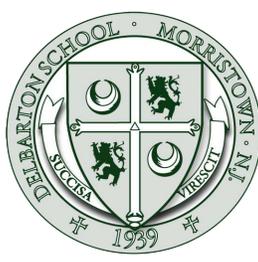
Weekend Two: Thursday, July 30 – Sunday, August 2

Thursday, July 30, 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Evening BBQ in Garden hosted by Delbarton Alumni Association

Friday, July 31, 7:00 – 11:00 pm – Senior Prom in the Garden

Sunday, August 2, 11:00 am – Baccalaureate Mass followed by Commencement and Garden Reception

[Click here to watch a video honoring our seniors on their final day of classes](#)



Dear 2020 Graduates and Families,

I hope you are all well as we approach the official end of the 2019-2020 Delbarton school year. And what a year this has been -- "unprecedented" is an understatement.

Due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, our traditional Senior Awards Assembly has been reimagined as the 2020 Senior Awards Drive-By Celebration on Saturday, June 6.

Here are the details:

- Staged Drive By (please remember to wear a mask):
 - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Absey through Krell (A - K)
 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, LeDonne through Zamora (L - Z)
- Enter Delbarton through the East Gate entrance and enjoy signage along the drive (thoughtfully provided by the DMG) that recognizes each member of Delbarton Class of 2020. Follow the roadway lined with waving Delbarton faculty members and pass Old Main and the FAC as you head towards Trinity Hall.
- Arrive at Trinity Hall and be greeted by a staff member who will load your car with your personal bag filled with certificates of participation, awards, yearbook, a gift from the alumni association, artwork (if applicable) and other goodies.
- The Celebration continues at Trinity Hall with a greeting and a personal congratulations from Fr. Michael. *Pause for an official photo opp!*
- Drive by the Monastery where seniors have a chance to salute the monks of St. Mary's Abbey.

We all agree that the Delbarton Class of 2020 deserves the best. Our goal is to host an outstanding and memorable 2020 Senior Awards Drive-By Celebration that is documented and live-streamed for all to see. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chuck Ruebling '79

Assistant Headmaster for Student Affairs