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"There is no passion to be found in playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." — *Nelson Mandela*



Left to right: Alden English, Amber Johnson, Caleb Stopyro, Spencer Griffin, Benjamin Stopyro, Samantha Squires, Zecharya Shaaban, Brenna Driscoll, Ryan Stephens, Harrison Hill, Benjamin Marcotte, Lucas Oliver, Jesse MacGlashing, Jah Gordon, Brian Seddon, Trinity Morse, Cyrus Gates, Riley Fletcher, Tonnie Boisvert, Nathan Miracle. **Not pictured:** Shelby Averill, Amina Shaaban, Madison St. George, and Collin Wrye.

Dear members of the Pittsfield Middle High School Class of 2021:

For students, this was a school year unlike any other in history.

During what is known as the Spanish flu pandemic, which lasted from February 1918 to April 1920, students' school and lives were affected enormously. But they obviously didn't have the resources students do now, such as the ability to learn remotely.

What did you do through it all? You studied. You worked. You went to classes in person and virtually. You played sports and more. You made the best of every opportunity presented to you.

You coped. The price was high, but it was a valuable lesson. And since all of life is about coping, it's a lesson you'll take with you for all of your days.

You should be proud of all you accomplished this school year. And you can rest assured that the members of the Pittsfield High School Alumni Association are certainly proud of all you achieved.

The Alumni Association has worked for many years on behalf of the students of PMHS to help them on their journey. Congratulations from all of us, and best wishes as you take the next steps of your lives.

Sincerely, The Pittsfield High School Alumni Association Executive Committee

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Tuesday, June 15, 9-11am Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry, through the First Congregational Church. We ask that you please call 435-7471 when you arrive in the Chestnut Street parking lot, and we will bring diapers and wipes outside for pickup.

Friday, June 18, 1:00- 5:00 FB Argue Recreation Area opening.

Thursday, July 22 First Memorial *Grip & Rip* Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Nathan's Fight Foundation and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Contact Stefani Gauthier at grip.ripgolf24@gmail.com

Saturday, July 24, Old Home Day Celebration. There will be a cookout at the FB Argue Recreation Area and a concert and fireworks at Drakes Field.

Citizen of the Year It's time to nominate a person for Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year! Many people deserve to be honored for their actions and their commitment to Pittsfield. Their activities benefit our town. However, only one can be selected for 2021. Please submit your nomination with a short note explaining why you think this person should be honored as Citizen of the Year for 2021.

Nominations may be sent to *Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263*. Nominations should be received by Friday, June 18, 2021.

To the Graduates, Given the number of factors in our lives that are out of our control right now, I've encouraged students, staff, and others to focus on what you can control. A quick Google search will give you a variety of quotes and messages related to this approach. Ultimately, it is a state of mind that requires practice and discipline. By focusing on controllables such as your attitude, effort, and actions, you'll make it easier on yourself to stay positive and focused on what is ahead. All of us have been challenged to think and act differently over the past year plus, and I'm impressed by the approach that the Class of 2021 has taken. You have worked through remote learning, Zoom classes, and virtual Spirit Month, yet you have stayed resilient and advocated for the opportunity to participate in athletics and go on a Senior Class Trip. You have even convinced me it's a good idea to have a Senior Lock-in this spring! If you continue to take this approach and apply it to your walks of life after high school, I'm confident each of you will enjoy success and happiness. Best of luck to all of you! *Derek Hamilton*



"Be yourself. No one can say you're doing it wrong."

Snoopy, Charles Schultz, *Peanuts*

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! I have enjoyed watching you grow, some of you since preschool, into the amazing young adults that you are. You're the last class that I know on a personal level, whether it's from Boy Scouts, riding my bus, camping trips, hanging out at my house or sports games and I will miss you all very much. I hope this last year has taught you that there is more than one way to reach your goals, and that no two paths look the same. Don't forget to come back to visit PMHS, and when you do, come on down to the cafe where we'll have a hot meal waiting for you! Best wishes to you all, *Harry's Mom*

Congratulations Harrison and Amber,

You both have already done such amazing things but I know your adventure has just begun. I have been fortunate to be part of your journey and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

I am SO going to miss seeing you while I'm at work though! I am so proud of you,

Love, *Mom\Michelle*

Dear graduating seniors of the Class of 2021,

Congratulations on achieving one of many milestones on your life's journey. You may consider your achievement somewhat bittersweet. Bitter in that you were not able to share in the education and experiences that you normally would have due to COVID-19. But, it is much sweeter in that you have persevered through the storm, one that no other graduating seniors have for over 100 years. You stayed the course and rose above adversity which has shaped your character for years to come. Whatever you decide to do next in your life, whether it be college, military service, trade school, or entering the workforce, perseverance will be a valuable personal asset. Of course, there will be many other storms that will come your way and how you face them and react to them will shape your future. As you consider your next steps on your life's journey, I would ask that you consider the following story.

A young man applied for a job as a farmhand. When asked for his qualifications, he said, "I can sleep when the wind blows." This puzzled the farmer, but he took a liking to the young man and hired him. A few days later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm. They quickly began to check things out to see if all was secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace. The farm implements had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. The tractor had been moved into the garage. The barn had been properly locked. All was well. Even the animals were calm. It was then that the farmer grasped the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep when the wind blows." Because the farmhand had the wisdom to do his work well when the skies were clear, he was prepared for the storm when it broke. Consequently, when the wind blew, he had no fear. He was able to sleep in peace.

Knowledge is great and necessary, but wisdom is a bit different. A quote by an unknown author sums up the differences well: "Knowledge is knowing what to say. Wisdom is knowing when to say it." Wisdom is about knowing when and how to use your knowledge, being able to put situations in perspective, and how to impart it to others. So, as you move on I encourage you to seek wisdom, for it is wisdom that will enable you to be prepared for whatever storms come your way. And, remember the simple fruit salad philosophy: "Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in the fruit salad."

God's richest blessings on your future and once again, congratulations. *Reverend, David Stasiak*

To the Pittsfield High 2021 graduates:

Congratulations! You have reached a milestone in life, and are starting your adult lives. The next steps are up to you, whether a job, more education, travel, or raising a family. I wish you the best for this step, and for the many different adventures you will have.

Remember that the life you plan today is probably not what your life will be, but you will learn and love no matter what happens.

Congratulations again, and best wishes for whatever you chose to do. *Representative Carol McGuire*

Congratulations Seniors!

We're proud of all your accomplishments. The best is yet to come!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

You have completed 12 years of school and you are beginning a new stage in your life whether it be to attend college, join the armed forces, or pursue a work career.

WISHING YOU GOOD LUCK AND
SUCCESS IN WHATEVER YOU DO!

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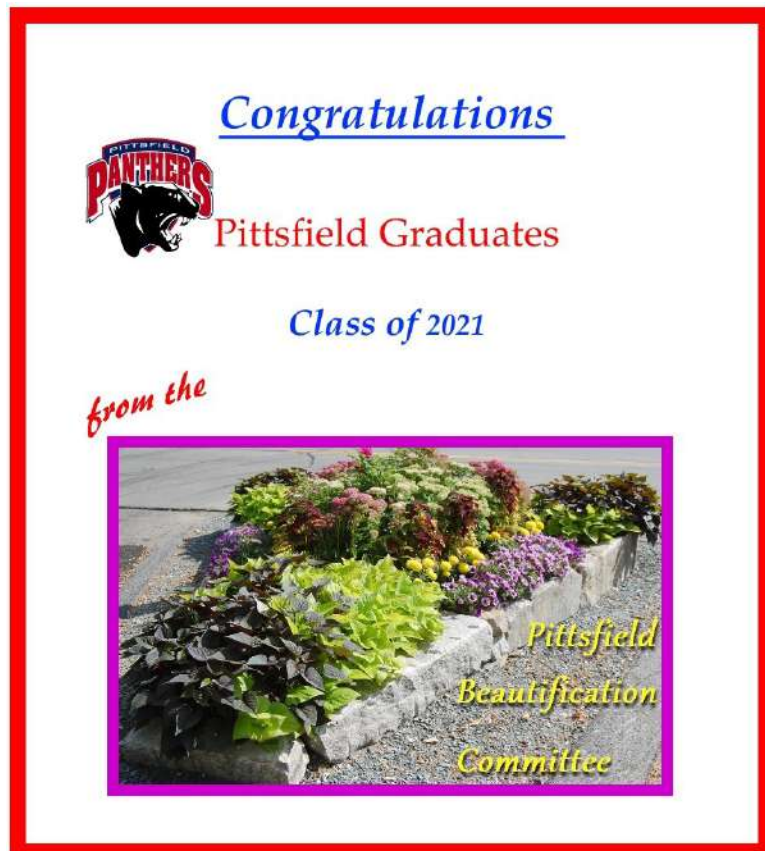
Congratulations to the 2021 Class of Pittsfield High School

Citizens of Pittsfield, you have again supported and produced a class of graduates from your high school. Some of the graduating class have attended Pittsfield schools for thirteen years, others less. This class will be forever remembered as the COVID-19 Class. Hopefully this will be the hardest hurdle you will need to jump as you proceed to the workforce or continue with your education. Whatever happens, you now know from the COVID year you can succeed by persisting.

Be persistent. You are now recognized by law and custom as adults. This means you should show up and participate in the activities of adults. Register to vote when you are eighteen, then cast your precious ballot for the people and issues important to you, your family and your community. The freedoms you enjoy require a payment. The payment for maintaining our freedoms is attention. We pay attention every day, week and month to guard against those who would silently see our freedoms melt away until we live on a lonely island of No Opportunities, an island of despair. We can lose the right to steer our own lives in the direction we choose. We will apologize to our children for not paying attention. Their freedoms evaporated when we were supposed to be on guard duty. Please pay attention.

Your futures are now in your minds and your hands. You are the guardians of your lives, your communities and your country. Please pay attention. Your world is counting on you.

Best wishes, Your friend and senator, *John Reagan*



Pittsfield Graduates, on behalf of the Pittsfield Selectboard, it is a pleasure to congratulate the Pittsfield High School graduates of 2021 and their families. Graduation is always a special time of ending one chapter and beginning a new one filled with promise and adventure, but the class of 2021 will always be extra special. These are extraordinary times and you have met challenges and faced difficulties no one anticipated. Part of your junior year and all of your senior year presented obstacles that you, your parents, and your teachers overcame as you went together along the road to your diploma. These experiences indicate that you are well prepared to meet whatever challenges the future may deliver. Graduates, your community is proud of you. Your community is also confident that you can achieve whatever goals you set. We wish you well as you leave the school for the final time as a student and begin your journey toward the life you imagine for yourself. Take pride in how far you've come, but know that this is just a beginning. There are great things ahead for you.

J.C. Allard, Chair, Pittsfield Selectboard

Graduation 2021 Puzzle By Diana Westgate

Fill in the blank with the first or last name of a 2021 Pittsfield High School graduating senior

1. Put on a hat. Sed_____
2. English country gentlemen _____s
3. _____ Code
4. Pool ball spin. _____
5. Even _____s
6. Black and tan hunting dog. _____ setter
7. Fossil resin, jewelry _____
8. Life of _____
9. Famous British clock. Big _____
10. Over the _____
11. Large helping. MacG_____
12. More gray-green _____
13. Hexagonal road sign _____pyro.
14. Grocery store chain _____ (-pyro) & Shop
15. Mythical beast, part eagle, part lion

16. Anagram of banner _____
17. Sea _____(-l)by
18. _____(-nie) Weight measure
19. Anagram of a big party _____+aan
20. Wonderful event _____
21. Anagram of Abs _____ + haan
22. Famous NYC avenue _____
23. The Catcher in the (+ W) _____



Congratulations to the Class of 2021! We are so proud of all you have accomplished, and look forward to seeing where the future takes you. We have enjoyed seeing those of you who participated in PYW activities as younger students grow into amazing leaders, caring friends, and kind young adults who will help to make this world a better place. Best of luck in whatever you endeavor! Your friends at *The Pittsfield Youth Workshop*.

Cook's Corner

Congratulations to our Pittsfield graduates! We are all very proud of you! This important milestone calls for a celebration. Here are two ideas that are certain to brighten your party table. Both are easy to prepare and can be made in advance. For the Chicken BBQ sliders, you can substitute Cheddar cheese if you prefer; and the Buffalo Chicken Tender "Fries" – you might want to double this recipe (the leftovers are terrific on a salad). Enjoy this special time with your new grad! Bon appetit.

Buffalo Chicken Tender "Fries"

1/3 cup hot sauce, such as Frank's

½ stick butter, melted

1 Tbsp honey

1 lb chicken tenders, sliced in half lengthwise

1/3 cup flour

Vegetable or olive oil

Whisk together hot sauce, butter and honey in a large bowl, set aside.

Toss chicken strips with flour in a large plastic bag, then saute the chicken in hot oil in a skillet, cook until browned, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to the hot sauce mixture, toss to coat.

This is a super fun appetizer, served with a really good blue cheese dressing. Or these also make a fun side for Mac & Cheese; or you could top a Big Salad with these bad boys. However you decide to serve these up, they are sure to bring a finger lickin' smile!

Pull-Apart Chicken BBQ Sliders

3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken

1 cup barbeque sauce (use your favorite one)

1 (12 piece) package mini burger buns or mini Hawaiian sweet rolls

12 dill pickle slices, or 12 'bread & butter' pickle slices

2 cups shredded (or finely chopped) Pepper Jack cheese

3 Tbsp melted butter (use real butter)

Heat oven to 350. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, stir together the chicken and the BBQ sauce until well coated.

Place bottom half of the rolls on the baking sheet, keep the individual rolls connected. Spoon the chicken mixture on top, spreading evenly across all of the rolls. Top with pickle slices and cheese. Add the top half of the rolls. Brush the tops with the melted butter.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown and cheese has melted. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Remove from the pan using the edges of the parchment paper. *MP Christakos*

CONGRATS!!!!!!



Shelby Averill



Tonnie Boisvert



Brenna Driscoll



Spenser Griffin



Harrison Hill



Amber Johnson



Jesse MacGlashing



Brian Seddon



Amina Shaaban



Zecharya Shaaban



Samantha Squires

CLASS OF 2021



Alden English



Riley Fletcher



Cyrus Gates



Jah Gordon



Benjamin Marcotte



Nathan Miracle



Trinity Morse



Lucas Oliver



Ryan Stephens



Madison St George



Caleb Stopyro



Ben Stopyro

Graduates, We would like to congratulate the senior mentors in the Pittsfield Teen Mentor Program on their upcoming graduation. Over the past three years, this group has shared many experiences with one another... together, weathering the storms of hardship and loss, a global pandemic, and whatever else life threw at them and their mentees. They also shared hundreds of hours having fun and supporting one another in group meetings, on mentor trips and in one-to-one time with their mentees. The connections they have made through this program have been nothing short of priceless. To all of you... as you leave this group and move forward, each on your own path... may you carry with you all the strength and courage, talent and skills, compassion and generosity that you have shown and given as a mentor. We wish you all the best in all future endeavors.

Paula and Jeff Martel

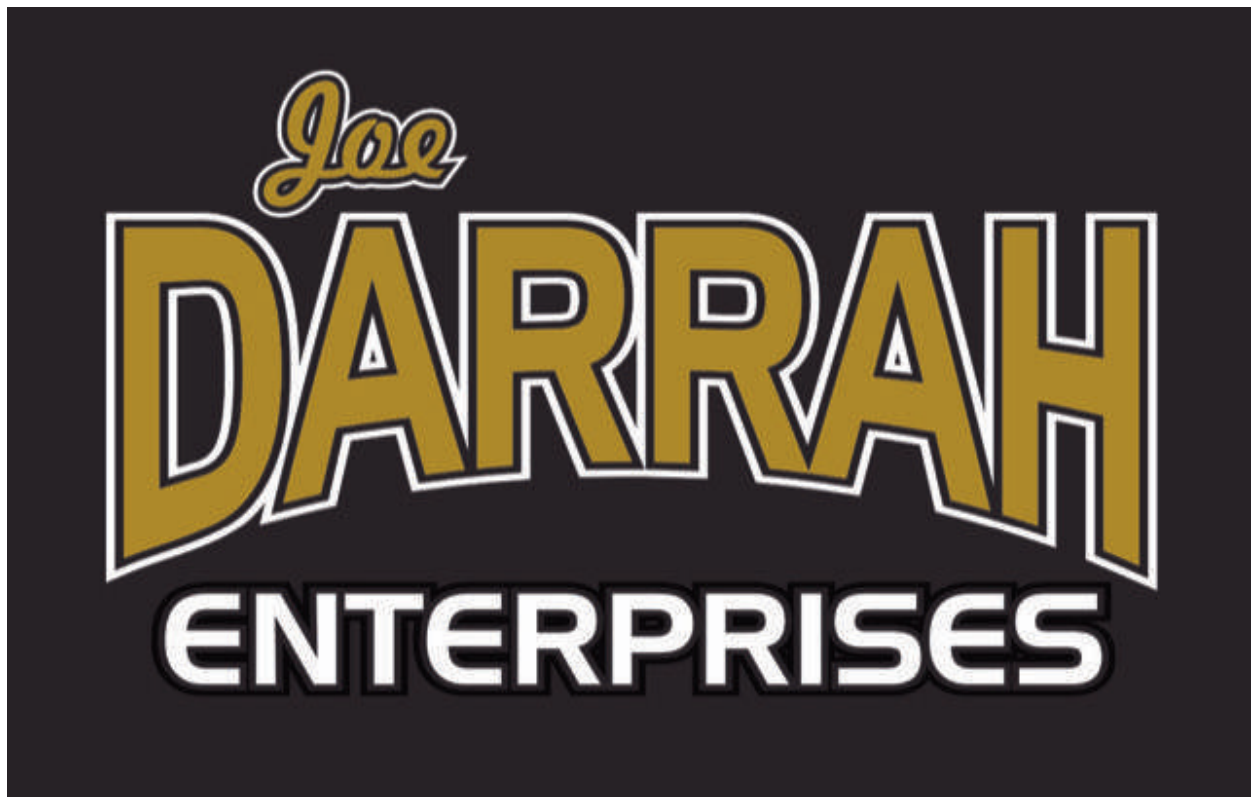


Pittsfield Teen Mentors with their mentees

"Sometimes when I get up in the morning, I feel very peculiar. I feel like I've just got to bite a cat! I feel like if I don't bite a cat before sundown, I'll go crazy! But then I just take a deep breath and forget about it. That's what is known as real maturity."
Snoopy, Charles Schultz, Peanuts



Left to right: Jah Gordon, Ben Stopyro, Harrison Hill, Amber Johnson, Brenna Driscoll, Gwen Clough (2020), Ryan Stephans, Joanna Jackson and Trinity Morse



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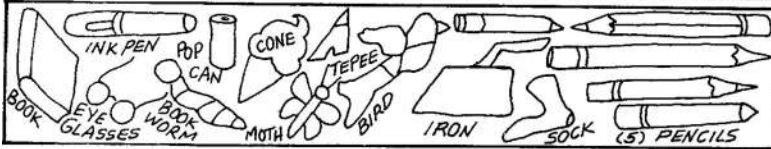
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Class of 2021
a beautiful
successful future!*



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Frog Graduates! Hidden Picture



Answers to Graduation Puzzle 2021

1. Put on a hat. **Seddon.**
2. English country gentlemen. **Squire(s).**
3. **Morse** code.
4. Pool ball spin. **English.**
5. Even **Stephen(s).**
6. Black and tan hunting dog. **Gordon setter.**
7. Fossil resin, jewelry. **Amber.**
8. Life of **Riley.**
9. Famous British clock. **Big Ben.**
10. Over the **Hill.**
11. Large helping. **MacGlashing.**
12. More gray-green. **Oliver.**
13. Hexagonal road sign. **Stopyro.**
14. **Grocery chain. Stop (-pyro) & Shop.**
15. Mythical beast, part eagle, part lion. **Griffin.**
16. **Brenna.** Anagram of banner.
17. Sea **Shell (-l)by.**
18. **Ton(-nie).** Weight measure.
19. Anagram of a big party (bash) +aan. **Shaaban.**
20. Wonderful event. **Miracle.**
21. Anagram of Abs + haan. **Shaaban.**
22. Famous NYC avenue. **Madison.**
23. The Catcher in the **Wrye**

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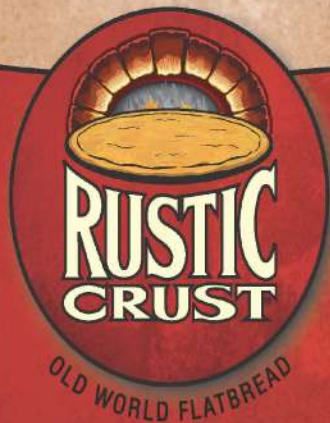
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