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Dear Graduates and Families of the Class of 2021:

High school graduation is an exciting time for you, your family, and friends. I am writing to update you on information for Tampa Bay Technical High School's graduation and graduation related activities.

**Cap and gown distribution** will occur for Face to Face seniors during school hours on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Senior E-Learners cap and gown distribution will be Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12PM at TBT. Those students who still need to purchase a cap and gown package must contact Herff Jones directly. The website for Herff Jones is [www.herffjonestampabay.com](http://www.herffjonestampabay.com). All students must have a newly purchased cap and gown to participate in the ceremony.

**Senior Sunset** will be held at TBT on **May 7, 2021** from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. I know how much you have all been looking forward to the traditional "senior year" activities. Due to the pandemic, some of these activities are not possible. So, we have decided to create a unique experience for the Class of 2021!

**Senior Exams** will be held on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** for any student in danger of failing a course. Students will be contacted by their teacher if they are eligible to take an exam on this day. **Make-up exams** will be on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Graduation Rehearsal** will be held on **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM** at Tampa Bay Tech and is **MANDATORY**. **Please park in the Senior Lot off of Orient Rd. and proceed to the Gym. Guest tickets will be distributed at this time.**

**Graduation** will be held on **Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Florida State Fairground's Expo Hall at **8:00 AM**. **Students must arrive by 7:00 AM**. Students, parents/guests will only be able to enter the Fairgrounds from the Highway 301 entrance gate. There will be a \$6.00 parking charge on graduation day. Cash or card preferred. No coins, please.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, each student will be allowed only **2** guests at the Graduation ceremony. Students will receive two tickets in advance of Graduation day (May 15<sup>th</sup> rehearsal), and only guests with tickets will be admitted to the Expo Hall. Guest tickets are numbered and pre-assigned to the North or South entrances of the Expo Hall and include staggered times to prevent congestion. Please follow the directions once you enter the Fairgrounds to ensure you are parked near your designated entrance, and remain in your vehicle until your designated time.

**Please note: There are no replacement tickets-you must have the physical ticket to enter the Expo Hall.**

There are several security checks before you or your guests enter the Expo Hall at the Fairgrounds on graduation day. All purses will be searched and no bags or backpacks will be allowed. Cameras and binoculars are permitted, but no camera cases or binocular cases. The following items are not permitted in the Expo Hall: balloons, banners, signs, noise makers or laser pointers. Violations will result in security personnel escorting you from the ceremony. Please be mindful of these restrictions so that we can have a memorable day.

Please remember this is a special and dignified ceremony. The family of every student would like to be able to hear their graduate's name called as they walk across the stage.

**Senior Parade/Diploma distribution** will take place on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Tampa Bay Tech from 9AM-12PM. More specifics on pick up times and instructions will be provided as the date approaches.

You have so much to look forward to and we are proud that you are forever members of the Titan family. Congratulations, Class of 2021!

Go Titans!

Ernestine Woody-Bethune  
Principal