

GILBERT HIGH

Empowering and Inspiring Each Child to Design Their Future

A Year Like None Other

By Jacob Nelson, GHS Principal

To say the least about this school year, it has been quite an experience! Navigating through the many changes and tweaks made to schedules and instructional delivery models has been a challenge, but we have stayed strong together through it all. This year more than ever, I am extremely grateful for the strength of our Gilbert Community. It is clear that we have a shared commitment to empowering and inspiring each child to design the future no matter the circumstances. Because of this shared commitment, we have been able to offer face-to-face instruction all year. In addition, our students have been able to participate in extracurricular activities and athletics in each season. It has been such a pleasure to watch our students learn together, compete together, and participate in so many experiences that were not a possibility at the end of last year. This is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our teachers, staff, coaches, students, and families to take care of each other and implement the proven safety precautions to make this a reality.

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As we set our sights on next school year, we are reminded more than ever of the power of relationships between students and teachers and how these can raise the expectations of students no matter the circumstances. Our commitment to our school's mission to develop students as effective learners, ethical people, and contributors to a better world is more relevant than ever as we have seen what is possible when we work together to accomplish an enormous challenge. Our students have shown incredible resilience in the face of adversity and uncertainty, and we know that this has strengthened them in so many ways. We are committed to taking the lessons that we learned this year and applying them in the years to come to create an educational experience that is relevant, supportive, and equitable for all students. I look forward to partnering with all of our families as we finish this school year strong and look forward to the 2021-2022 school year.

"And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about." Haruki Murakami



highlights

FROM A YEAR LIKE NONE OTHER

- 8 Clinical students passed the CNA exam
- SC HOSA Virtual State - May 2020:
 - 1st Place Biomedical Debate team
 - 1st Place Job Seeking Skills
- Theater students completed a fully virtual, socially distanced version of A Christmas Carol.
- Theatre IV students will compete in the SC Speech and Theatre Association's Virtual High School Theatre Competition
- 10 award recipients of the Columbia Urban League Young & Gifted Awards
- GHS Counseling & Advisement Department received the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation.
- Initiated Golden Gate Movement at GHS
- 13 students qualified as Palmetto Fellow
- 1 student named a Teaching Fellow
- 1 candidate for US Presidential Scholars Program
- 4 students were accepted into the 2020-2021 South Carolina All-State Chorus.

A. Ballington

K. Brock

T. Harman

M. Keisler

A. Price

T. Price

SIC MEMBERS

C. Rice

S. Rice

D. Stroud

N. Taylor

S. Vining

C. Wilson