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**Graduation ceremony  
live-stream airs at 6 p.m.  
on June 11**

From 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, live streaming of the Class of 2020 graduation ceremony will be aired [here](#). Pre-recorded speeches will air before 6 p.m.

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**Honors Car Parade**

The 159 graduates of Gladstone High School's Class of 2020 held an Honors Car Parade through the streets of Gladstone, decorating their vehicles and waving to socially-distanced spectators. Community members spread out along the parade route, waving signs, playing music, wearing the school colors, and sending up cascades of bubbles as the parade passed by.

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**Gladstone High School honors top scholars**

The top scholars of Gladstone High School's class of 2020 were honored at their graduation ceremony on June 11. "We are proud of these students not just for their academic achievement, but for all they have contributed to making the Gladstone community a better place," said Principal Kevin Taylor.

**Valedictorian Benji Fergus**

Throughout his years at Gladstone High School, Benji Fergus has participated in his church youth group and the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This fall, he will attend Brigham Young University. He doesn't know exactly what he wants to do in life, and has set a goal that will help him anywhere he goes: *To be a good person.*

**Salutatorian Nate Burlingame**

During his time at Gladstone High, Nate was a varsity athlete on the Gladiator soccer, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee teams. Nate was also a member of the National Honor Society. Nate will attend the University of Portland in the fall to study business and marketing. His goal is to work in marketing and advertising for a sports or a cinema company.

**Salutatorian Denali Nelson**

At Gladstone High, Denali Nelson played on the girls varsity soccer team for four years. She also served as an officer in Gladstone's Key Club. Her career goal is to work in the medical field to help others. Next year, she will attend the University of Puget Sound and plans to study exercise science and biology.

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**GEF asks community to support neighbors, local restaurants**

The Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] has initiated a program to directly benefit those suffering hardship in their community due to COVID-19. The relief effort will distribute restaurant meal gift certificates to people using the Gladstone Food Pantry. This effort will benefit both the recipients of the meal certificates and the local restaurants where the certificates are being purchased.

The Gladstone Education Foundation and the Food Pantry invite community members to join this urgent effort to help those in need. Contributors can help the Giving Chain through this online portal: <https://gladstonefoundation.ejoinme.org/donate>.

The GEF has invested \$5,000 to initiate The Giving Chain program. The Foundation will also match dollar-for-dollar the first \$5,000 donated by others to The Giving Chain.

"It will take us all working together to make it through this pandemic and the many impacts on our lives, our community, and our local businesses," said GEF President Terry Marsh. "The Giving Chain is our opportunity to provide immediate assistance to those businesses and community members needing it most."

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## **Summer Programs**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, there are some impacts to summer programs.

**Summer Food Program:** Free meals for any child 18 and under will continue. Distribution is 9 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [18905 Portland Ave.] through August 12. This is a drive-through pickup process. Each child will receive 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches.

**Gladstone Food Pantry:** The Gladstone Food Pantry will continue to distribute free groceries and fresh produce to people of all ages with drive-through pickup on Nelson Lane. Food pickup is 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday.

**Extended Day Summer Child Care:** This program has been cancelled.

**Gladstone Community Schools Summer Program:** All summer camps and classes have been cancelled.