



Kate's Take

THE BIG 2020 IS HERE! That means new goals, new things, and new priorities.

What does this mean to high school students? As Generation Z, we are the most diverse generation. The post-millennials. We grew up with some technology, but there was a time where we didn't have iPads in our faces.

Many students at BHS think of 2020 as the decade that holds the key to their adult lives. A good chunk of students here associate 2020 with college. We are finishing one school and going on to the next. Students who may not be traveling far for college will most likely take advantage of Harper College, which offers scholarships to students who fulfill a certain GPA and progress each year with volunteer hours in the community.

At BHS there are so many clubs and activities given to us that every student is molded to be different—whether that be a through a sport, a job, a performing art, a brand-new class. We have many

ways to be unique, and we are. This also means that our futures will be very different.

After talking with fellow students, I heard many continuities across the grade levels. 2020 to them either had to do with school, family, work, traveling, or self-reformation.

Volunteering is a great way for us to experience real-life scenarios and to help out. Whether at a local animal shelter or Barrington Giving Day, students are given ways to explore paths to take after high school. Students not interested in attending college seek internship opportunities that could transform into jobs.

Overall, most BHS students feel very prepared for life after college. We are taking this time to figure what our future holds. There are plenty of students (myself included) who are not 100% sure of what they want to do, but we are trying our hardest to figure that out.

Other students would like to travel before

college, perhaps taking a gap year, and see the world before committing to more schooling. I find the United States to be as far as I want to travel.

After growing up with so much technology in our childhood, over the past five or 10 years we have seen people do amazing things on the internet. Influential people on YouTube or other social media show their amazing travels. I think that this persuades students to take trips like theirs.

The past 10 years have been great, but I'd be lying if I said the next 10 don't frighten me. Thinking about all the ways my life could change opens my mind up to so many worries. It's safe to say I don't want to forget anything about 2010-2020. It was basically my childhood. Yet, like my generation, I want to try new things and I hope you will too!

Happy New Year! 

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