

## Awards Day 2020

Plans for the Senior Awards program were changed last-minute when we learned just two days before that our county was in the Very High Risk (Red) category for corona virus exposure according to Alabama Department of Public Health. The guidelines for the red category dictate that groups of 20 or fewer people be allowed for indoor events. Unfortunately, that meant that not only would the students not be allowed to have their families present, but that we would not even be able to have all the students in the gym at once.

A new plan was devised, with the help from high school principal Marsha Mitchell, to have the students receive their awards and scholarships 15 at a time and in alphabetical order. The script was reworked, the certificates and plaques were reorganized, and the program proceeded.

Eighty young men and women received scholarships and awards, and the total value of these gifts is more than \$1.1 million.



## Graduation 2020

Because of the restriction on indoor events, Graduation was held on the football field. Each graduate was allowed only ten tickets as attendance was greatly limited to allow for a minimum of six feet of distance between family groups.

Student speakers Erin Martin, Aiden Green, and Georgia Turner reflected on their time at KDS and shared special memories and inspirational thoughts with their classmates and families and friends in attendance.

A number of graduates were unable to attend the ceremony because of prior commitments, including three who enlisted in the military and were at basic training.

The events were streamed on YouTube by DAR PatriotVision.

