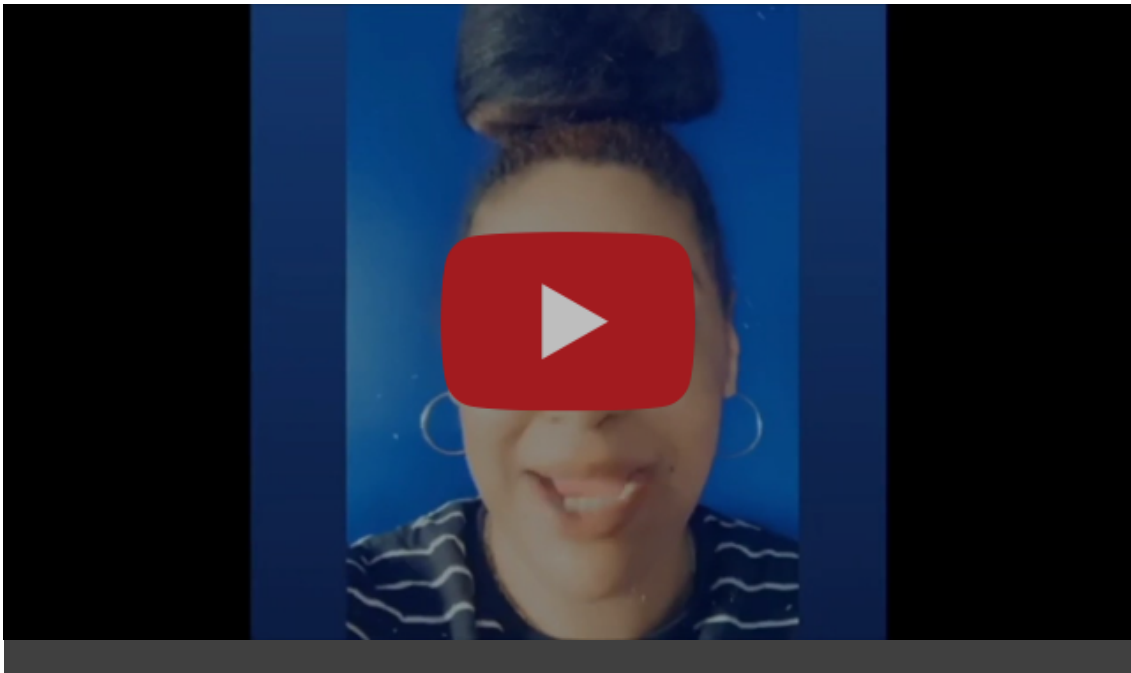


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## **CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!**

We can't believe that we are at the end of this school year! While we are sad that we can't celebrate in person, it doesn't take away from the amazing work you have all done to get to this moment. This week we will be honoring our 8th and 12th-grade students as they continue their academic journey and we are excited about the new things they will experience. We hope that you all stay safe over the summer and we can't wait to see you all!

Best Wishes,

Mrs. McCaw and Ms. Francis

*At graduation on Thursday, we'll celebrate all of the Class of 2020's accomplishments from freshman year to today. We congratulate our **Valedictorian Brianna Gonzalez** and **Salutatorian Ashanti Garcia** on this academic achievement and for all their hard work these last four years.*

# OCS Spotlight



## **Star Student**

Bryan Lopez, a current 8th grader, has been with OCS since the 6th grade. This year, he has shown incredible growth, both academically and socially. Through hard work and dedication, Bryan has been a consistent straight-A student. Throughout the years, we have watched Bryan become a motivated, dedicated, and focused student. When speaking to Bryan, he talks about striving for success and his goals for the future. Before the pandemic, he had become involved in a lot of positive activities, including his church choir. Since the outbreak began, he has mentioned creating posters for front-line workers, a project he has been working on with his grandmother. Thank you for all of your hard work, Bryan!



## **THANK YOU, MS. PINNOCK!**

Ms. Pinnock is OCS's 12th-grade social worker. She has worked for OCS for the last two years, helping the Class of 2020 to learn new skills while making sure they get the support they need.

Ms. Pinnock was inspired to go into social work because of the amazing advisors and counselors she had growing up. She loves working with students and teaching them strategies that they'll take far beyond high school. Since transitioning to remote learning, Ms. Pinnock has kept students engaged by sending daily text reminders, following up with parents, and conducting counseling sessions. Without sports or other

outdoor activities, student wellness was a concern, so Ms. Pinnock found different activities for students to do in their free time. Ms. Pinnock also helped to plan an online senior week, town halls, and a senior social. All of these events helped seniors to socialize, celebrate graduation, and stay connected with each other.

Ms. Pinnock describes the class of 2020 as resilient go-getters, who have overcome challenges and major obstacles in order to accomplish their academic goals. The Class of 2020 reminds her of a quote, “Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly”.

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## FUN ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

Looking for something fun to do with your kids? Here are our recommendations for things students can do during their downtime in order to relax, have fun, and learn:

- **Create a Masterpiece at Home:** The [Whitney Museum of Art](#) is offering free art projects on their website for students to do at home. All activities were designed to engage both parents and their children and are based off of the Whitney’s impressive modern art collection.
- **Writing Workshop:** Urban Word NYC, an organization providing platforms for critical literacy, youth development, and leadership through free and uncensored writing, is hosting free Virtual Workshops and Open Mic Series for students to practice creative writing and share their work. Students can sign up [here](#).
- **Free Yoga Classes:** Does your child miss playing sports and afterschool activities? This could be the perfect time for them to try yoga, a physical activity that’s good for the mind and body. We recommend [Yoga with Adriene](#), a YouTube channel that offers over a hundred free yoga classes ranging from 15 to 30 minutes long.

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## IN OTHER NEWS

- Looking for an easy and fun recipe to make with the kids? The New York Times recently published this [one-bowl cake recipe](#) for it's From the Pantry column, where writer Melissa Clark teaches readers how to cook using pantry staples.
- According to the Wall Street Journal, cleaning can be a meditative activity to find peace and tranquility in. Read their piece [here](#) on how to turn your daily chores into a way to unwind after work.
- Need a new book? The Atlantic put together a [list of books](#) to read for “all your warm-weather moods”.

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