



# POET OF THE CLASS OF 2020

All graduating seniors are invited to participate in the contest

The winner will receive a \$100 gift card.

The winning poem will be published in the school literary magazine, *The Laureate*, and will remain the ownership of the poet.

The winner is invited to read the poem at graduation, if applicable.

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1. Submit ONE original poem, which must be the work of the person entering the contest.
2. Poems must be 26 lines or less, including stanza breaks but not including the title.
3. Poems containing language that is vulgar, offensive, or inappropriate will not be accepted.
4. The content of the poem must include any of the following: graduating, graduating during Covid -19, growing up, stepping out into the world, leaving the familiar, saying goodbye, looking ahead.

Email your poem to [Francesca.Leclerc@ppsd.org](mailto:Francesca.Leclerc@ppsd.org) by Friday, May 31 2020, 3:30pm. Do not include your name or any identifying information in your content. Your full name should appear in the subject line of the email. The judges, a team of CHS Faculty members (excluding Francesca Leclerc) will not be given your names. The judges' decision is final.

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## Criteria for Judging:

- Language that contains relevant details and memorable, concrete images.
- Unconventional use of language and syntax create unique patterns and meaning.
- Diction is well chosen and vital to the poem.
- Poetic devices powerfully and effectively reflect the poet's style and the meaning of the poem.