



Urban Assembly School of Music and Art

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Hello to all of the UAMA Seniors and Senior Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you safe and healthy as we all confront these disorienting times.

I am writing to answer some of the questions we have received and to lend some guidance around senior activities for the 2020 school year. As many of you are aware, the Chancellor published the attached letter to families on 4/11/2020 announcing that all NYCDOE school buildings will be closed for the remainder of the academic school year through September. Unfortunately the letter does not offer any specific instruction around senior end-of-year ceremonies like prom and graduation. The moment that we get guidance from the Department of Education, we will share it with you immediately.

However, given the importance of these celebrations and rites of passage to our community, I think it would be prudent for us to begin planning for what senior activities could look like if we have to conduct them remotely. Presently, members of the administration are working with UAMA's Peer Group Collective (PGC) to organize remote events that keep us all connected, like Remote Cabaret and our weekly IG Live sessions. In the same vein, members of the Administration will begin to work with members of the Seniors class, the PGC, and the Senior Advisors to collect ideas on what might be possible to do remotely to honor these important landmark moments.

I look forward to hearing all the fantastic ideas we collectively come up with and I am dedicated to working with everyone on honoring the senior class and their families in a sincere way during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Paul Jonathan Thompson
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Attachment: [Update Letter For Families 4/11/2020](#)