

Buffalo Hide Academy: December 2020

Fall Semester Graduates

2020 was a year that was surreal in so many ways – it brought unimaginable loss, caused us to be in constant limbo, and created unprecedented challenges to all of our daily lives. One of the hurdles that many students faced was to either give up/hit pause on their education or to persevere and continue on. Two students that chose the former are AJ Foote and Bryan DuCharme, and because of their hard work and dedication to graduation, they have both earned their high school diplomas. Below are brief descriptions of these two students and what we will remember about them.

AJ Foote: There's a ton of cool things about AJ, but perhaps the coolest thing about him is how he didn't quit in the pursuit of his diploma. No doubt high school was a challenge for this guy. And there were some dark times for sure. But he never quit. He's a stand-up guy that we'd go to bat for any day. A true individual that just acts and lives and doesn't wait for cool kids to do it first. Congrats AJ!



Bryan DuCharme: Bryan is the type of guy that makes all of us at BHA better. He challenged us to the end while truly earning his diploma with grit and determination. His effort to finish off his high school career was inspiring. And that's what BHA is all about. During his time with us Bryan transformed himself into even more of a super quality dude, and we're extremely proud of him.



Congratulations to Fall 2020 Buffalo Hide grads AJ and Bryan. Love you guys. Good luck!

BHA Christmas Special



BHA was happy and proud to create a fun holiday themed movie as a way to celebrate our unique school community. The aim was to feature and showcase the array of awesome student projects at Buffalo Hide created during December as part of an annual BHA Honor Ornament tradition. Each holiday season at Buffalo Hide we create and decorate an “Honor Tree” which features ornaments made by our students. These ornaments represent and honor loved ones that have passed away. They are painted, crafted, and decorated with thoughtful care.

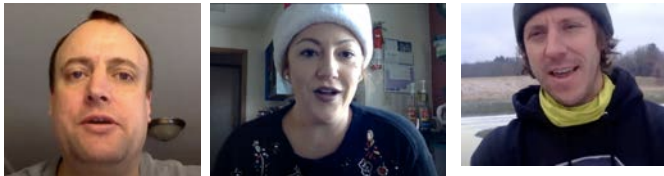
Much of what we do at BHA involves “wellness” both in the educational sense, and equally in the physical and emotional sense. The Honor Ornament project is one of the ways we’ve created safe space at BHA for students to honor loved ones during what tends to be trying holiday times, and earn academic credit while doing so.

The video features a segment where we highlight each ornament made by our students. They’re colorful, vibrant, meticulously assembled and are clearly made with love, heart, and reverence. We’re humbled and honored that our students participated in this project and allowed us to show some love to the sacred memory of their deceased loved ones.



The BHA Holiday video then evolves (nay, devolves) from there to illustrate our collective funny bone as a way to say “thanks, we love ya,” to our entire BHA family.

Check it out!



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Extra special shout out to Chris Lewis (aka Christopher Klaus) for always hustling and making things happen. Love ya buddy!

