



Proctor Academy held virtual all-school assemblies throughout the spring to bring the community together. Here, Andover's Vienna Marcus '20 and Student Wellness Coordinator Megan Hardie announce the 2020-2021 school leader candidates to the community on May 7.

Caption and photo: Scott Allenby



Proctor Academy students and teachers have engaged in remote learning since April 6 using Webex Teams and Webex Meetings as an online video conferencing platform. During the month of April, students and teachers logged 8,858 Webex meetings, totaling 307,106 minutes.

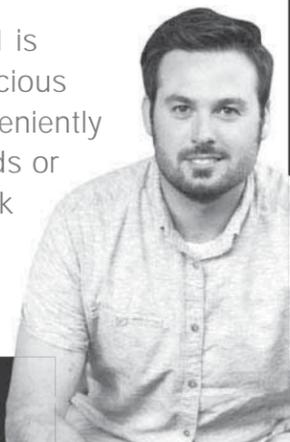
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This spacious colonial built with pride in 2001 is surrounded by gardens, fruit trees and a spacious yard. This home is private and quiet yet conveniently located just 10 minutes to Franklin Hannafords or Andover's picturesque Highland Lake. A quick commute to Concord too!

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corded and streamed to the thousands of parents, alumni, and students in attendance. Student speeches will move us to tears despite our geographic distance from their delivery, and yet, even as we collectively celebrate this remarkable class, an emptiness persists. This campus, this town, this community only feels whole when Proctor's students are streaming to Pizza Chef and JJ's, crossing Route 11 to the skatepark, and filling the sidewalks and pathways with laughter.

Over the past three months, Proctor students have engaged in a synchronous online learning model. A structured class schedule allowed for daily video conferences between students and teachers in each class, while more than 30 afternoon program offerings engaged students around the globe in baking activities, yoga, Strava and other fitness challenges.

Virtual assemblies brought the whole community together regularly, and we enter summer break exhausted from the emotional, physical, and mental challenges of a rapid shift to a remote learning model, but confident in our ultimate goal of keeping students and families engaged in the learning process.

While a normal June routine on Proctor's campus would involve the wizardry of our Maintenance and Housekeeping teams turning over dormitories for Alumni Reunion (originally scheduled for June 4 through 6) and then Gordon

Research Conferences for the duration of the summer, this routine, too, has been altered by COVID-19. Alumni Reunion has been postponed to June 2021, and Gordon Research has canceled their summer conferences across the globe.

Just as Proctor's business model has been challenged by the issuance of room and board refunds to boarding students earlier this spring and lost revenue from Gordon Research Conferences, we also recognize the serious impact a shift in our operations has had on local businesses reliant on the steady stream of students and out-of-town families to town. Proctor encourages all in town to surround these businesses who serve as the lifeblood of our community with support.

Proctor's leadership team continues to actively plan for the potential return of students in the fall, understanding the need to plan for multiple scenarios depending on how COVID-19 tracks in the state. At the forefront of the scenario planning is the health and well-being of the greater Andover community.

As a boarding school drawing students from across the globe with roughly 70% of students hailing from New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut, the complexities of a return-to-school plan exceeds those issued by the State for public schools. The school will continue to update its COVID-19 Resource page (ProctorAcademy.org/about/covid-19-resources) on its website as decisions are made related to return-to-school.

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