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## Congratulations to 2020 Seniors

CIS celebrates our Senior's achievements! It was a difficult and formidable year, but our student's overcame the challenges they faced. Student Support Specialist's gave one-on-one supports to many students navigating the ever-changing world around them. Even when students were at home learning from a different platform, our Student Support Specialists were by their side to give support for success.

We are excited for our Senior's and wish them the best in their future paths. We thank them for letting us be a part of their journey. With one bridge passed they are crossing over to a new adventure in life full of success.

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"To honor the Graduates of the Class of 2020, the City of Thomasville has created this slideshow of the Thomasville High School Seniors! Your community is so proud of you!" Please click the link below to watch our 2020 Graduates.

[Click here to watch - 2020 Graduates](#)

Communities In Schools® (CIS™) President & CEO Rey Saldaña shares a message from our CIS Alumni Leadership Network to the Class of 2020. [Click below to watch CIS Alumni's:](#)

[A Rey of Hope: A Message from  
CIS Alumni to 2020 Graduates](#)

**Amelia Desiree McCurdy**



Amelia McCurdy, we are so happy for you! It hasn't been the easiest road, but you made it with determination and persistence. Ms. McCurdy stated, "She is thankful to Michele Garkusha, Teen Parent Coordinator, whom she couldn't have done it without her biggest supporter by her side. She thanks Ms. Garkusha so much for everything she has done for her and her daughter. Ms. McCurdy stated, "having you through high school and your program helped me a lot and I'm very thankful for you and CIS."

Ms. McCurdy is considering joining the Army or enrolling in the Early Childhood Program at Davidson County Community College.



### **Kayleigh Cassidy**

Ms. Cassidy plans to attend UNCG. She thanked Kathy Hinkle, Graduation Coach and CIS, "for being supportive of her through difficult times."

Being inspired by an experience she personally had with a Dermatologist, she has decided to pursue a degree in Pre-Med.

### **Samantha Perez**

Ms. Perez was a member of the ROTC at Thomasville High School. She was inspired by the ROTC to join the Military and become a Military medic.



### **Tea'Onni Elise Alford Makupson**

Ms. Makupson may have had challenges in her life, however she stayed the course towards success. With the guidance and support of Michele Garkusha, Teen Parent Coordinator and CIS Student Support Specialist, Reggie Leak by her

side she was able to overcome these difficulties she faced.

Tea'Onni Makupson plans to study for her CNA license and continue in her studies to become a Registered Nurse.



Give your support to upcoming Seniors by donating to  
[www.CISThomasville.org/donate](http://www.CISThomasville.org/donate)

## Supporting the Mission

### We Are In This Together 2020 Campaign

We are working to improve student's lives on a daily basis, even when student's are not in school. With language being an issue for our Hispanic/Latino



families, Ms. Cabral, Spanish-Speaking Student Support Specialist has been able to breach this barrier to give supports to families during these trying times. Ms. Cabral is working with parents and students at all four schools of Thomasville City School's to direct parents to resources. She helps students and their parents understand what steps to take to be successful in school.

With change, comes challenges for our students. We want to make sure **ALL** of our student's receive the supports they deserve to be successful, whether they are attending in or out of the school environment.

Please consider a donation of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$100 or more to show your support of our student's during these challenging times. Go to [www.CISThomasville.org/donate](http://www.CISThomasville.org/donate)





## Community in Schools #WEAREINTHISTOGETHER 2020

The Hunger Run Color 5K has been cancelled due to COVID-19, which provided financial assistance to feed the children of Thomasville. Design Illusions has partnered with CIS to help fill the need. For every t-shirt sold, \$10.00 will be given to the CIS Feed the Children Project.

Please go to [designillusions.itemorder.com](https://designillusions.itemorder.com) and insert – **cistville** – in the sales code box and help keep a child from going hungry. There are 21 colors to choose from.

End date is July 31, 2020. **Get yours today and help feed a child!**

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS fundraising tee shirt sale.

***I Feel The Need-  
The Need To Feed***  
**#weareinthistgether**

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CIS wants to thank our Donors, Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers for giving your time and donations to our Drive by Food Pantry. It was a huge success. We were able to give out food to 75 families and over 1 1/2 tons of food. We are thankful to be able to support our community.



**#WeAreInThisTogether**

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**Surrounding students with a community of support,  
empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life!**