

# Newsletter

SUMMER 2020

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## Headmaster's Greeting

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Well, what an end to the year! The semester started with great excitement and back-to-back basketball tournaments in Ottawa for our basketball team... a great start to the semester with students' grades improving across the board, snowball fights in the back field, the annual staff versus student hockey game (of course the staff won). March Break started on March 13 and students left, excited for the break and to return to be with their friends ... and then the Coronavirus, COVID-19, struck. Not surprisingly our students responded with maturity, care and concern for each other and rallied around each other with great support. Our teachers worked tirelessly and developed an amazingly robust live synchronous online learning platform with students attending all their classes daily, spanning 8 time zones and 17 hours around the globe! We held House Cup Competitions, Spirit Week, Pi Day, Prom, a Farewell Party, Weekly Challenges, a Fitness Challenge, a staff versus student virtual soccer game (staff won again!... but we know students most definitely would have won on the field, as they do every year!)... and Graduation!... and of course, all of our regular classes, office hours, extra support and university guidance... and the results are impressive...

**Our 15 graduates received 75 offers of admission to world ranked universities. 100% of our graduates gained entry into their first-choice university with over \$64,500 in scholarships! They will be attending universities in Canada, USA, Mexico, UK, Australia and Belgium ... an impressive group with 70% Ontario Scholars!**

We are now busy planning for the September 2020 – June 2021 academic year. We will again have students joining us from around the world and around the corner. In the event that a student cannot join us on campus due to the pandemic, we have retrofitted classrooms with optically advanced tracking cameras that follow the teacher's movements and highly sensitive microphones and speakers. This equipment and our adaptive curriculum will provide a sophisticated and advanced live synchronous learning environment for our students with labs, experiments, face-to-face interactions with teachers and their peers... from the students' perspective it will feel as though they are on campus! And when students can join us here on campus, their transition will be seamless.

To learn more about our amazing students, staff and programs, send us an email to [admissions@merrickprep.com](mailto:admissions@merrickprep.com) or give us a call at **1.613.269.2064**. We look forward to seeing you in September!

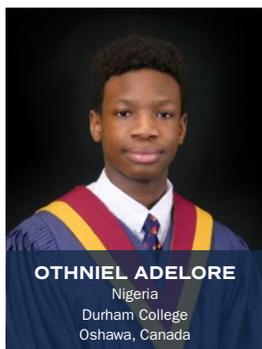
Sincerely,

Kevin Farrell  
**Headmaster**  
[kevinf@merrickprep.com](mailto:kevinf@merrickprep.com)

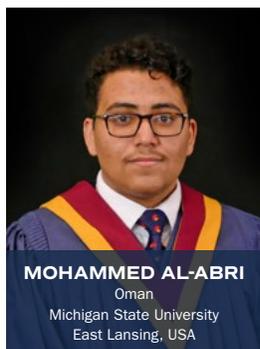
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us at Merrick Prep!**

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# 2020 Graduates



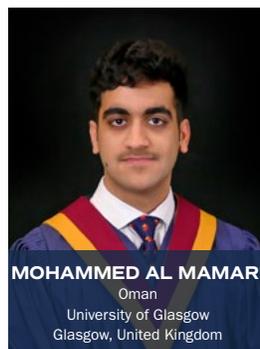
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**MUNYAH AL HAMDANI**  
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Queen's University  
Kingston, Canada



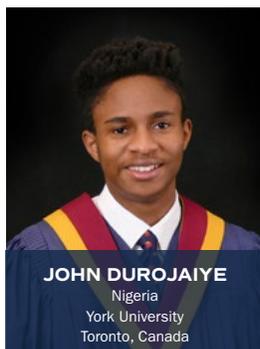
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Oman  
University of Glasgow  
Glasgow, United Kingdom



**WAGED AL SHEZAWI**  
Oman  
University of Waterloo  
Waterloo, Canada



**MILSTON COLE**  
Seirra Leone  
Flinders University  
Adelaide, Australia



**JOHN DUROJAIYE**  
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York University  
Toronto, Canada



**BOXIANG (OSCAR) JIN**  
China  
Queen's University  
Kingston, Canada



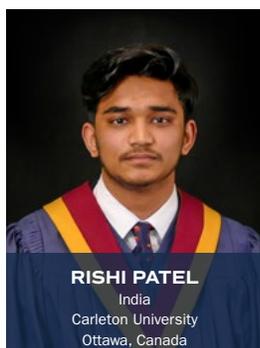
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Korea  
KU Leuven  
Leuven, Belgium



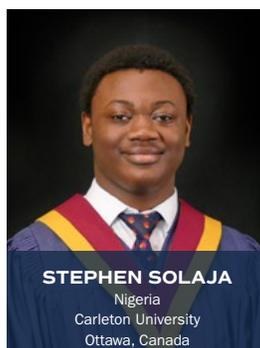
**MAURICIO MORANTE RODRIGUEZ**  
Mexico  
University Anáhuac  
Naucalpan de Juárez, Mexico



**OBASESAM OBONO-OBLA**  
Nigeria  
Brock University  
St. Catharines, Canada



**RISHI PATEL**  
India  
Carleton University  
Ottawa, Canada



**STEPHEN SOLAJA**  
Nigeria  
Carleton University  
Ottawa, Canada



**YUKAI (JOHN) TU**  
China  
University of Ottawa  
Ottawa, Canada



**YIHENG (ALLEN) WU**  
China  
University of Waterloo  
Waterloo, Canada



**15**  
Graduates received 75  
university acceptances

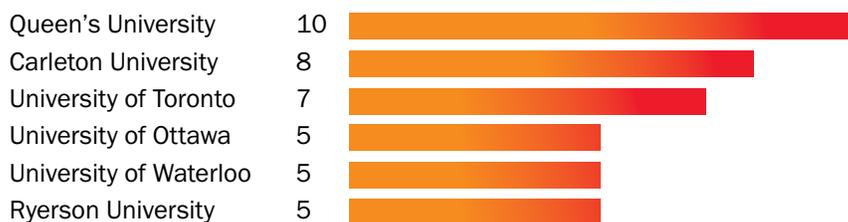


**100%**  
Received university  
acceptances to world  
ranked universities



**64,500**  
In University  
scholarships received

## Top University Acceptances, Class of 2020



## Programs Of Study, Class of 2020



Engineering  
(33%)



Business/Math  
(33%)



Political Science/  
Social Sciences (20%)



Medicine (7%) and  
Media Design (7%)



## The value of a Merrick Prep Experience

The value of a Merrick Preparatory School education is multi-fold... world class education with students from around the globe and around the corner; dedicated, certified and highly qualified teachers who are experts in their field; a safe community to learn and grow in a town which has been twice voted the prettiest town in Canada; world class facilities and a residential life program that creates a family, a home... so much more than a school.

With COVID-19 our school was closed, some of our students got home, others found refuge through the MPS network of friends and community members. Our students and faculty came together in a community of support, resilience and inspiration. Our Synchronous Learning Environment was built in a week, students from eight time zones with a 17-hour time difference came together to learn, grow and have fun! From March 30 to June 19 our students attended all their classes “live” with their teacher; tests, assignments, presentations and exams were delivered just as if the students were here on campus with us. It is the resilient spirit of MPS, the tight bonds of community that span the globe that made this possible. We are fiercely proud of our students, our teachers and their remarkable accomplishments; during difficult times they rose to and exceeded all expectations — we have grown to expect nothing less!



## House Cup Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the **Clarke House Team** for winning the 2019–2020 House Cup Challenge. A lot of different activities and projects during the school year were part of this fun challenge that helped our teachers and students to create more memories and team building experiences. Virtual challenges were also part of this contest as part of our unique synchronized learning program. As well, we celebrate the accomplishments of the Barnard House (2nd place) and the Rickers House (3rd place), we are very proud of you all!





## Spirit Week

During our synchronous live learning program at the end of April 2020, our Merrick Prep family engaged in a fun virtual Spirit Week where funny photos and memes were shared. This week, like all weeks at MPS, was fun, engaging and demonstrates the spirit and tenacity of our MPS students and staff ... even in a virtual world our MPS family continued to build a sense of belonging and community. It was a week full of creativity, inspiration and laughter.



## MPS Staff vs Students online FIFA challenge

The traditional Staff vs Students football (soccer) game was taken to the virtual world and during the months of May and June students squared off against staff in an online FIFA Challenge. After many exciting games and hours of laughter and fun, the Staff Team won this year's Staff versus Student Football (soccer) game. We know next year we will not be so lucky out on the fields here in Merrickville!



## Global Online Celebration

International Day is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to acknowledge and celebrate our diversity through dress, cuisine and décor, and to share information about each student's country, language and culture. Our students, staff and business partners joined us to celebrate our strength through diversity, which is shared in this video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-OC61vreoq](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-OC61vreoq).



## Hands-On Experiential Learning

Our teachers demonstrated their creativity and dedication to our students' education through various virtual hands on experiential learning activities. Labs, experiments, outdoor education activities and live presentations were part of the daily routines during our synchronous live learning environment. From live Shakespeare performances, to sugar crystal labs, to each student documenting their individually identified caterpillar to butterfly development, our Merrick Prep family never stopped learning with fun and creative activities.



## Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates

Our "Virtual Graduation Ceremony" was amazing! We were very excited to see all our students, their families and their friends join the Merrick Prep staff in celebration of our students' accomplishments and successes.

There was a mix of emotions, lots of smiles and a chance to acknowledge the hard work of our students and staff, and the exceptional work invested to make the synchronous learning experience such a positive success.

**To our graduates: we are very proud of you!!** We are thankful that you joined our family and that we are part of your success. Each of you has a bright future awaiting you! Remember, you always have a home and a family here at Merrick Preparatory School. We look forward to keeping in touch and hearing about your dreams coming true as you take the next step on your journey.

Our 2019–2020 school year is officially over but our commitment to quality education continues and we can't wait to start classes again in the fall.





## Farewell Party

On June 6th our students and staff joined a special virtual meeting to celebrate the end of the school year; a wonderful celebration of our students, and always bitter-sweet as we wished a fond farewell to our graduates.



## September 2020 – What's next?

In addition to our world-renowned Day and Boarding programs, this year we are excited to be offering Synchronous Live credit courses. With sophisticated 360-degree cameras that track the teacher and highly sensitive microphone and speaker systems, students from anywhere in the world can take advantage of the many benefits of an MPS education and earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Registrations are now open for the 2020-2021 school year and we look forward to continuing to provide a Distinctly Canadian and Uniquely Global experience to our students in preparation for them to enter their first choice world-ranked university.



Please visit our website for the latest updates:  
[www.merrickprep.com](http://www.merrickprep.com)

## Important dates

### First day of classes:

Wednesday September 9, 2020

### Last Day of Classes:

Friday December 18, 2020

### Winter Holidays - School Closed:

Saturday December 19, 2020–

Saturday January 2, 2021

## Stay social with MPS!

Follow us on our social media channels to keep well-informed of all that we are doing every day.

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## Join Merrick Preparatory School

Accept the challenge and discover why we are **Distinctly Canadian and Uniquely Global.**

Visit our website: [www.merrickprep.com](http://www.merrickprep.com)

Feel free to send us any questions or requests: [admissions@merrickprep.com](mailto:admissions@merrickprep.com)

**We would love to hear from you! Your Success Starts Here!**