

Parting waves

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Big smiles and hearty congratulations were all around during the Newcomb Children's Center's (NCC) drive-by celebration honoring the Class of 2020's graduation to kindergarten. With pom-poms and noisemakers, teachers and staff cheered the students and their families as they rode past the center on Plum Street in cars and bikes bearing messages of thanks. Large photos of each graduate and signs commending the students for their hard work were posted along the route, where each graduate paused to receive a gift bag.



















A sign outside the Newcomb Children's Center sends a celebratory message. NCC faculty and staff wear masks and practice safe social distancing as they cheer for the preschool graduates.

With messages of love and appreciation, graduate Zelda Borders waves to her teachers as her younger brother Gustavo, left, and her parents Rosie and James, right, look on.

Graduate Theo McGlynn-Wright explores the contents of his gift bag as he rides through the commencement celebration.

One family got creative with a good-humored warning for kindergarten.

Zsigmond Snow, center, receives an enthusiastic congratulations and a gift bag from Vernita Bartholomew, right, as his sister Zsuzsanna, left, shoots confetti into the air. Leiana Quintero, lead teacher, holds a sign acknowledging the children's progression through the center.

Ryan Hall takes a victory lap during the parade.

A commemorative cookie, included in the gift bags, is a reminder of the remarkable Class of 2020.