

# RITE NOW @ ROP



---

## Graduation Fun Is Unforgettable

The largest class to ever graduate from Southwest Leadership Academy in Phoenix will always remember their “drive through” graduation ceremony as the craziest but perhaps the most fun. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” had to be postponed until a later and safer date, but Southwest Leadership was not going to allow the day to pass without a celebration.

Thanks to the creativity and hard work of the school staff, teachers and administrators, students still celebrated their achievement with a parade of cars, food, pictures and lots of whooping and hollering. Parents were delighted to see how much their children loved the school and the staff who were present to greet and cheer them on.

Some rode on a convertible like they were the grand marshal of a parade waiving to the crowd while others had their pictures taken with their favorite teachers and mentors. While the celebratory music blared across the parking lot there was nothing but smiles, hugs (short ones) and thank you’s. Students will receive their yearbooks this week but on “graduation drive though day” they all received their senior shirts with their names proudly displayed as “2020 graduates”.

The school intends to still conduct a prom for the Class of 2020 this fall and graduation hopefully in August. Traditions will not be lost and pride that the parents and the school staff have for their graduates will never be lost. As school board president, Mike Gantt who was present at the event said, “It doesn’t get much better than this!”

---