

# Utah County private school holds in-person graduation while adhering to social distancing guidelines

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American Heritage School holds 2020 graduation ceremony. Courtesy: David Buer

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AMERICAN FORK, Utah (ABC4 News) – While most schools in Utah were forced to hold some sort of virtual graduation commencement for the Class of 2020 seniors because of [COVID-19 restrictions](#), one private school was able to do an in-person graduation ceremony.

American Heritage School in American Fork only had a graduating class of 59 students and a large outdoor stadium. Due to a small graduating class, on Tuesday May 26th American Heritage proceeded with their graduation exercises with only the graduates, parents, and staff, while adhering to social distancing protocols.



American Heritage Graduation, May 26, 2020. Courtesy: David Buer

The commencement address was given by Elder Craig A. Cardon, a General Authority Seventy (emeritus) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Cardon and his wife, Deborah, have grandchildren who attend American Heritage School.

The private school celebrating its 50th anniversary has 900 on-campus students in grades K-12, 5,000 students are enrolled in distanced learning. The 59 seniors accepted to 40 schools with more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships roughly \$17,000 average scholarship amount