March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

The year is 2021, Coronavirus is still pretty serious and deadly so we are all still wearing masks and quarantining close contacts. There have been multiple riots in Washington over the Trump V.S. Biden election. I hope that in the future there will be much fewer politics and more focus on the general public. My one piece of advice that I hope I have followed to the day you have opened this, is always be kind, even if it hurts you. Always push yourself just a little bit more.

Best regards,

Jayden Brown
This is the first speech I ever wrote for my Speech and debate class

I stand in affirmation that the use of the No Knock warrant needs to be banned. The No knock warrant was a good idea in theory I will admit, but through trial and error it has been proven to be horrible in practice. As I am sure most of us will talk about today, the No knock warrant has already been attempted and horribly failed. For example: Breonna Taylor, a medical worker, was shot and killed in Louisville, Kentucky after a horrible attempt at the no-knock warrant. According to the New York Times, the officers had turned off their body cameras and proceeded to pursue a no-knock warrant in their civilian clothes. Due to them not announcing themselves and just suddenly bursting in, Breonna Taylor’s boyfriend believed them to be intruders and began to fire a warning shot, which then the police officers in civilian clothing proceeded to fire over 32 rounds through the screen door and hit Breonna Taylor 6 times. As you can see this just does not make any sense at all. First of all, the officers were not wearing any form of protective equipment. They weren’t even wearing body cameras so there is no real way to tell what each officer was doing or how it all completely failed. I understand that many people believe that without the No Knock we will be putting the lives of officers at risk by allowing whoever is on the other side of the door to prepare when in all reality this is their job! They have the protective body armor and all of the equipment and funding while the other person most likely does not. This No Knock warrant was insane from the beginning honestly. Who knows how many more lives will be lost or put in danger for the simple reason that the police don’t want to allow the other person to be aware of them. With just a simple knock on the door, there is a very large chance that they will just come to the door and attempt to resolve the problem peacefully which this “no Knock Warrant” does not allow them to do. Because of the ignorance of the no Knock Warrant and the officers at the Louisville police department, we have lost many precious lives and who knows how many more will be at risk the longer we allow this bill to stand. It could even be someone’s child next time. I ask you all to please, ban the No Knock warrant and save countless lives.

A screenshot from my current favorite show.
March 25, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

I’m sure by the time you’ve read this, COVID-19 will be long gone. At the time I’m writing this, we are still wearing masks and COVID has been a problem for over a year now. My family contracted COVID early July and were quarantine for the rest of the month. My dad had it the worst and nearly succumbed to the illness and its symptoms. Fortunately, we all pushed through and were okay after.

The death toll has reached an unfortunate high, and still rising as I’m typing. Early vaccines have started to come out since January, and I recently got one of two doses around 3 weeks ago. President Joe Biden remains hopeful that by december of 2021, things will start to look “normal” and calm as they once were.

I hope that this global pandemic has taught everyone a lesson. Always wash hands whenever you touch something, or use hand sanitizer. Wash hands after using the restroom. All in all, just to be a little more cautious because we never know what could happen simply from not washing our hands.

Best regards,

Alan Chavez
March 24, 2021

Dear future Missourians,

Our state is wonderful. Out of everywhere I have lived, this is the most beautiful place I have lived. The state of Missouri has a lot of history, that if it were to not have happened you would not be where you are today. Missouri is home of the westward expansion and the Arch that lives in St. Louis. Missouri is somewhere you should feel blessed to be in, and I hope you make the best of being here!

Sincerely,

Emily Conaway
24 March, 2021

Dear Missourian,

I, Emilia Crockett, have lived in Missouri for almost 19 years. I grew up in a small town called Monett. Monett is located directly in the middle of Springfield and Joplin.

Growing up in a small town is something that I have always enjoyed. Many people in this area think there is not much to do, but I see a lot of good in our little community. There are so many things that I enjoy doing, such as work, or even just driving around on the back roads. These are the most memorable things to me. The memories made on back roads are some that I will never forget.

Missouri has many things to be proud of, other than our bipolar weather that make great memes. (Are those still a thing?) We have many state parks, and wonderful lakes. The most popular is Table Rock. Here during the summer, you may see people drinking "yeehaw" or even tubing.

Being in Missouri is one of my favorite things, and I can not wait to make so many more memories in this crazy state.

Sincerely,

Emilia Crockett
Me, Emilia Crockett: August 9, 2009- Age 7

This picture was with my Grandma Kriesel

Me, Emilia Crockett: February 18, 2021- Age 18
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

Monett Missouri it's the same old same old I feel like the only thing interesting that has happened this year is COVID they had the vaccine going around recently but in my opinion I wouldn't get it I think it's pointless either way we have to wear a mask even after getting it. Honestly other than that nothing else interesting has really happened. It's always school, work, home the same old schedule for some people. It's work and home or some just stay at home. I hope that for you guys in the future in like 30 years from now the life in Monett Missouri will be better and more interesting .

Sincerely,

Estrellita Cuevas
This was me at the age of 1 doing a photo shoot.

This is me at the age of 17 hanging out with my friends.
24 March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

It is currently 24 March 2021. I hope that my letter will be read in like 30 years. I imagine life as the same, “another day, another dolla”. Nowadays that one is older they start making that money. But for y'all later folks that will be taking time out of your day to read my letter. I wish y'all the best in future life.

Sincerely,

Ignacio Cuevas
24th March 2021

Dear Future Miaaourians,

Hello, I hope the world is in better shape by the time this is opened. I really like Missouri. I've been in Missouri for most of my life. I hope the people are making Missouri a better place for the following generations and just for the earth in general.

Sincerely,

Bryan DeLeon
Something from the past that represents me is the PlayStation 2. I was always playing games back then with my brothers and cousins. I loved to play with my family with the PlayStation. This console created a lot of fun and wild memories for my childhood.

MARVEL VIEWING ORDER

CAPTAIN AMERICA → CAPTAIN MARVEL → IRON MAN → THOR → IRON MAN 2
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CAPTAIN AMERICA → AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON → ANT-MAN → CIVIL WAR
PANTHER → AVENGERS ENDGAME → DOCTOR STRANGE → BLACK PANTHER

Something now(3/24/21) that represents me is movies. I love watching movies and going to the movie theater to watch movies. I have a great time watching a new movie. I'm always playing games and watching movies.
25 March 2021

Dear Future Missourian,

So basically everything that has happened in the past year is a lot to take in. Starting off with a huge virus called COVID-19 and it has caused so many deaths and lots of injuries. Also it has basically changed everything in Missouri such as job losses, wearing masks everywhere, face to face contact, socializing etc. Basically I hope everything will be changed by the time you read this and covid is completely gone and everything is back normal so, goodluck.

Sincerely,

Cameron Erwin
This is my basketball team from the summer of 2021, and basketball really helped me stay on track and not the pandemic affect me.
This is me and my girlfriend, and she has helped me through everything during this year.
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

I hope that by time you read this COVID is over, but I hope that since we've had to deal with that we know the precautions we must take. I can't imagine the problems we are facing today, but I hope that we have become one and no longer divided. I wish the best for all of your lifes.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Faavi - Cordero
Technology has impacted our lives big time. Technology may have impacted our lives in a good or bad way. In the passage I am first gonna talk about the useful and credible ways, and then give some cons of bad ways.

First of all I think that technology is great. One of the many technologies that I have is a computer. I think that having a computer is great. It helps keep me organized. I also have a phone. I am so thankful for phones. They are great to take selfies. They are also great to call someone or get a hold of someone. Another technology that I have is an iPad. iPads are great for reading for school or playing games. And lastly I also have TVs which are very very useful because if you need to listen to the news to see the weather. And for kids and adults to watch their shows. Those are just a few ways that I think that technology is useful and helpful.

Secondly I think that technology is maybe not the best. Some people take these things for granted but the prizes are tremendously high. And scientist and researchers say that having too much technology is bad for your eye’s. And in the book “Vedt” it says that their kids get too lazy using technology, which I think is true. A lot of kids these day have it easy they are a click away from getting answer to test. I think that technology is bad or not the best is because parents use these technologies to get out of watching their children. They use it as if it was a pacifier. Those are just a few of mine ideas of why technology is not too great for society.

All in all technology is great it gets up to places. And they help us with research. They let us connect with people. Heck we can take cute selfies. And memorable selfies. Yet again technology can be bad for us parents to get out of taking care of their children. We get too lazy using technology.
Dear Future Missourians,

It's 2021, and it seems like the world is getting worse. Not too long ago there was a shooting in Atlanta and 8 were killed; days after that there was a shooting in Colorado. I feel like there is a lot of hatred in this world, and I hope that changes. Violence will always exist, but hopefully it's not something you value. Also the weather in Missouri is crazy. About a week ago it was storming hard, and we even had an amber alert. The very next day it was snowing. Missouri is crazy, but it doesn't mean you guys should be as well.

Sincerely, Jamerson Flores

Started my first day of Junior Year in 2020 (before Covid)

Me and my mom during the ice storm in 2007
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

You may not know it but many celebrities have perished in the year 2020 you may have missed the chance to see them in action but it was a very heartbreaking time. I advise you to cherish the moments of your favorite celebrity for you may not know when their time is up. You should also take your time and enjoy the moments you get to spend time with your friends and family because from what we have been through in 2020 and 2021 it could be the last time you see them for a while or forever.

Sincerely,

Hector Franco
Dressing up for halloween as a child
Going to war in laser tag
24th March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

The day today is March 24, 2020 but by the time this letter is opened the day is August 10, 2046. Currently, the world is going through profound changes. Global problems like COVID-19 and racial injustice are still raging on. What the future holds is in the hands of the younger people. We are not sure where we will be by August 10, 2046. What can be said is that there is endless opportunity for everyone that sincerely seeks it. You must take action, that is the only way that your future will continue to get brighter. I know that by the time August 10, 2046 comes around, Missouri will be completely different. The future of Missouri has massive opportunities, with it being directly in the middle of the United States. By the year 2046, Missouri will be more industrialized with the smaller cities from 2020 becoming bigger cities like St. Louis and Kansas City. Also, there will be more main media attention coming to Missouri and its residents. I hope that by 2046, my future is completed and that the future after 2046 continues to elevate.

Sincerely,

Jose Hernandez
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

Hi, I'm Hailey Homewood and I'm writing to you about Missouri in 2021. In the last year we have had a pandemic called Covid-19. Now there is supposedly a vaccine but actually it is just a MRNA which has made people sick also and has not been tested completely. I'm personally not going to get the vaccine until I know the effects of the shot completely. But anyways Missouri has its own quirks like the weather. One day it's 70 to 80 degrees outside and the next it's snowing. Missouri is one of the few places on earth that has four seasons.

Sincerely,

Hailey Homewood
December 30th 2020 before work

March 6th 2021 my first car
24th March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

When I think about the future of our state and the people in it, I tend to think about all of the negatives that can happen. However, the future can almost certainly contain many great things and events that can happen. I hope that the future people of Missouri can redefine what it means to be a citizen. People that are trying to do good, instead of talking about it. People that do nice things for someone, and not so others can praise them. Right now in 2021, there is a Pandemic. Covid-19 has helped me realize how important other people are and how as towns, cities, and as a state we can always choose to support others even when that is a difficult thing to do. As we grow older and time slowly passes away the coronavirus will just become another footnote in history, I hope that the lessons that we learned, not about science, not the development of vaccines, not about wearing a mask 24/7, but lessons about unity and togetherness stay around forever.

Sincerely,

Ben Hoyt
The three seniors at our last basketball game (03/01/21)

You are in the middle of nowhere in Australia which has tons of trees, grasses, and plants so it is almost impossible to walk. It is so quiet you can hear a pin drop, but suddenly you hear a sound...of...a...CAR ALARM!?!? In many ways, the Australian's Lyrebird is fantastic. It has a small habitat and food source, and many physical traits, and finally it is endangered, but we can save it!

To start off, the Lyrebird's habitat is small, but cool. It lives in the divide range, a small part of Australia, and it lives on Tasmania. It gets its food by digging in the with its feet and beak to find and munch on insects, worms, spiders, and sometimes seeds. Some of the Lyrebirds physical traits are how they interact with humans. When they see us they will run away because they are shy. Also, they are known for their powerful songs and calls. They are 74 cm (6 inches) tall, and weigh 957 grams. They have brown tail feathers, with lighter brown, and blue colors added.

Finally, the Lyrebird is endangered. It needs all of you to help save it. It is endangered because humans introduced new animals such as cats, dogs, and foxes to it, that hunt it. Also, people are cutting down their range, this is bad because the Lyrebird stays in one spot, and only moves in a 10km distance in diameter. But, out of all this madness the Lyrebird is now making a comeback.

Overall, for many reasons the Lyrebird is a super amazing bird by having a great place to live, and by having important traits about it. Finally, the Lyrebird is endangered, so to make a comeback, you can help the Lyrebird by keeping its habitat unpolluted.

A essay I wrote about the endangered Lyrebird in 2014. I was in 5rd grade.
Dear Future Missourian,

I would like to speak to you today about climate change and the effect that you have on the world today. Voting is important as well and realizing the pros and cons of each candidate. Realize the trade offs you have to make to help the generations after you and even if you don't like some aspects of a candidate still think about how that will affect the whole country not just yourself. I'm also not telling you to just go with what everyone else wants but am saying follow your morals and remember to vote for what you believe.

Sincerely,
Isaac Lindsey
Corbin McCully

24 March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

I would like to speak on some important things about the past couple years with things ranging from Black lives matter protest to the Corona Virus. We have had a lot of change in even just one year. It seems like a faint memory when you could go out without wearing a mask to school or to even just local places. There were tons of outbreaks and riots in big cities due to the death of one black male killed to a police officer. All over social media were videos of people breaking into places or setting them on fire. Tons of local businesses in big cities were destroyed. The year had been crazy with even forest fires in Australia starting it off.

Sincerely, Corbin McCully
This was our state wrestling team and we took second place with six kids.

This is a picture of me and my two brothers when we were very little on halloween.
Dear Future Missourian,

My past has been very good since the Covid 19 Pandemic hit. I went hiking a lot, fishing, and went on a lot of vacations even during the school year. Covid 19 has hit every area in the world very hard and has caused a lot of deaths so it has affected the activities we can do. There have been 8,887 deaths in total since it has started, it started on December 31st, 2019. People have gotten depression just from this pandemic from not being able to socialize as much in person as they were able to do before. We have to wear face masks that cover our nose and our mouths to stop as many germs from spreading from person to person. If the pandemic is over by the time you are reading this make sure to live your life to the fullest.

Sincerely,
Amanda McVay
Picture of me and my dog. He is a huge part of my life. December 2nd, 2020

Bonfire in my yard 3/20/21

Never too early
Dear Future Missourian

There is a pandemic called covid-19 going on right now, the pandemic has taken a lot of lives but we have found a cure that helps slow down the effect of the pandemic. The pandemic has made it to where everyone has to wear masks but the masks make it a bit hard to breath. After a while you get used to the masks but hopefully the masks won't be a permanent thing. Hopefully when you ready this letter the pandemic is under a little more control and life is back to normal. If not I wish you the best of luck with the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Jayden Miles
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missouians,

Hello this is Silvia! I hope you find yourself doing good! I just wanted to give you a brief talk about this terrible pandemic going on. Also known as Covid 19. This is a disease that affects people’s lungs which makes them hard to breath. Hundreds of thousands of people have died from this. We all have to wear masks covering our mouth and nose everywhere and this disease spreading isn't helping anything or anyone! I hope that in the future this changes and this doesn't repeat history.

Sincerely,

Silvia Moncivaiz
This is a picture of me and my cousin Leslie, from this year at a club in Cancun, MX.
This is a picture of me from a year ago drinking a McDonalds Iced Vanilla Coffee.
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

My name is Dominic Taylor Perrella and I am a senior at Monett High School. Right now many different things are happening in the world. Joe Biden became the 46th president of the United States. In spring of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic began and it is still spreading as of this day. Some advice I would give would be to have patience and don't move out of home before you graduate high school.

Best regards,

Dominic T. Perrella-McMahan
Me with Santa (Date Unknown)
Dear future Missourians,

The year is 2021 y'all are probably not going to see this letter for another 20 or so years. But in today's world life has had some really dramatic changes to the whole world that nobody was expecting for them to happen.

It all started last year in 2020 when China had a coronavirus outbreak that slowly took over the world and Mo, it closed everything down for the whole year, barely this year Missouri opened up and now in March things are starting to come back to normal since they came out with the covid vaccine.

I hope that the future that awaits Missouri will be big and bright and they will continue to teach kids and show all the amazing things Missouri has to offer and all the ancient history to this state. I hope you future Missourians strive to make this state better and better everyday and make all your future Missourians do the same.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Perez
2020 consisted mainly of just everything getting closed down here and people getting covid and having to quarantine. And we all started to wear mask in Monett.

Now after covid is slowly going away now here in Missouri we can start resuming our old activities like sports and school but wearing mask is obligated in many of them.
Dear Future Missourians,

I hope this letter finds you well during this time. There's a lot in life to be discovered and learned and I urge you to seek out these things so that you might grow. I hope that life is treating you well and that the days and years ahead of you are filled with new opportunities and happiness. Life can be depressing, aggravating, and at all times unfair. However, now is not forever and there is always the future to move forwards to. Know that you are always loved and always cared about even if you yourself do not realize it. Be forever vigilant in making yourself better and improving your life. It's well worth it; I promise you.

Best regards,

Devlyn Piper
I am Devlyn Ty Piper and I was born in Joplin, Missouri. I'm an honest, intelligent, and empathetic individual who wants to help others and feel loved by the people I love. On my Mother's side, I have Native American and Irish heritage. On my Father's side, I have all sorts of heritage but it's mainly European. I grew up in a divided household but I do not think that that decides my future. I believe my future is what I wish it to be. I can achieve anything I wish to achieve, I just have to be determined enough to want to achieve it. I've been through a lot already in my short life of 17 years. There's plenty more I will go through if I think about my aspirations to go into the Air Force, get married, develop as a person, and become a better brother and son among many other things. I wish to grow spiritually and morally in my future. I hope to further understand the right and wrongs of the world and that my connection with God can grow into something beautiful. I believe that God can do amazing things and that I can do anything as long as I have faith. I just pray and hope that God can guide me through the rest of my life with a pure heart and an open mind. I pray He grows my strength in ways that can't be physically tested. On the note of strength, I do wish to develop into a stronger person. I believe having a strong character is essential to strong self stability. I believe once people have found their center of self and have found out who they are as a person and are confident that version of themselves is who they wish to become, then nothing is going to stop them from being strong except their lack of dedication. I believe I will strive to be who I think I am every day of my life. I know self growth never stops, but I also know that just because you cannot reach a destination does not make the journey any less worthwhile. My future will be proof of this. Just like my journey from childhood until now, it has been worth it even though I know I have a long way to go. As a child, I made lots of mistakes as a brother, son, friend, and person. Being that this moment now was the future of then, I can say I've made substantial progress. Due to this, I know I can make even better decisions to become a greater version of myself in the future. I just need to focus on being more loving, kind, open, accepting, slow to anger, and quick to love. I know for sure that I need to be more loving as a family member. As a kid, I allowed my feelings to cloud my decisions and I was very frustrated and confused. In the future, I know I can make better decisions and even apologize for my past actions as well. I do not wish my legacy of the future to be my mistakes of the past. I wish my legacy to be the person that I strive to be every day. If one day I might be able to achieve that, I will have found success in all ways of life. I will have found success as a lover, friend, brother, son, confidant, follower of Christ, and in myself.

-Written by Devlyn Piper when questioned about him, his past, and his future. (November 17, 2020)
My heart is heavy with the burdens of my soul
I wonder if I'll hold them all by the time I'm old
I want to rest my weary heart
But afraid I'll be attacked in the night under the cover of darkness
And if I were to be offered a way out I would surely say yes
Some days not the strongest man can hold me back
Other days it takes just a puff of wind to do that
I'm so weary and scared and tired
Wishing for pain to not come with love
Wishing for something great from above
I just want to feel loved and cherished
Not wishing that I would perish
The woman I love with all my heart
I fear has never loved me from the start
I feel more like a fleeting fling
Not worthy of fake love or even the real thing

A writing from Devlyn Piper when expressing himself, his feelings, and thoughts. (February 3, 2021)
24th March 2024

Dear Future Missourians,

I’m nothing more than a potato couch despite having an ability that surpasses that of others. No matter how hard I try to fix my character, I was too lazy to change myself for the better. But no matter how lazy I am, I finished my task on time despite my procrastination. I’m very punctual throughout my life except for when I’m at home. To me, home is my sanctuary where nothing shall impose on it. I didn’t start off as a good student with good grades; I was a delinquent with bad grades. Through all my failures did I gradually grow to be who I am. We don’t change abruptly just because we want to, only time will tell how we will be in the future. Nevertheless, there is something that we can never change, so just be yourself. The power of words is great but whether the word of others affects you or not is your choice to make. It’s natural for humans to judge one another; their thoughts and words may greatly affect our life or not, but facing our adversities head on is the only way to overcome them. Be free, everything is up to you. It’s your choices, but do beware of the consequences of your choices. You can make all the mistakes you want when you’re young, but it’s when you’re old that you will have less chances you’ll have to make them.

Sincerely,

Oo Reh
Rain

A downpour of an endless stream;
I hear boundless screams,
For my heart is but an empty void.
Amidst the despair,
‘Twas my glittering hope.

- O.R. -
Ant

I am small,
But I'm not weak.
The world is but our nest,
Where each of us set the gear in motion.

- O.R. -

Strength is not based on your size, and we as a whole are stronger than one.
The world would revolve around one man, but of us as a whole.
March 24, 2021

To future Missourans,

Hello there my name is Alonzo Gonzalez. In 2020-2021 were not good years and a lot of people were killed from Covid-19. More than 500,000 were killed from Covid-19. Also mostly every state had to be quarantined. People couldnt work. They had to stay at home. We had to wear a mask to be safe everywhere when we got out of the house. In 25 years I hope it will be better.

Alonzo Gonzalez Reyes
First Console

New Console
24 March, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

I hope Missouri is doing good and is still a state. I hope you guys don't have covid in the year 2046 when this will be opened. I hope Monett is still growing bigger and more people in the state. I hope the weather in monett is still beautiful. Hope things are better in 2046.

Sincerely, Eric Rodriguez
24 March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

Our state is beautiful. For 18 years I have lived in Missouri and have never moved because our state is so wonderful and beautiful. You can find and do so much fun stuff around our state. In all of the seasons our state is so beautiful in the summertime. The weather will not disappoint you until one miniature is 20 degrees and then it's 60 the next. If you go to St Louis Missouri there is an Arch and it is really pretty and you can even go inside it. In Cassville you can go hiking and you can even go fishing at the Roaring River State Park. Missouri will never disappoint you because you can find so much to do when you actually try to find something fun to do. Like in Aurora you can go bowling with friends and have a good time and you don't have to sit at home bored out of your mind. You can even go to the city park and walk with friends and just have a good time outdoors.

Sincerely,

Zariah Rosenbalm
This is me Zariah Rosenbalm at the age of 5

This is me Zariah Rosenbalm at the age of 18
24th March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

The year is 2021, after a crazy 2020 year 2021 hasn't been so bad. The covid-19 pandemic has worn down and they are starting to give out vaccines for it. My advice for the future of Missourians is to be safe and sanitized please and thank you. I hope that the Missourians are doing great or better from the past couple of years we have had. That's all I got so go strive for greatness Missourians!

Sincerely, Aleks Salas

This was how most of our 2020 year. We had to be quarantine and couldn't travel and spend time with the people we loved.

Now we can go out to public and see friends and family but have to wear mask around for precautions but the covid cases are dying down

Aleks Salas
Dear Future Missourians,

Hi I am Isdani Salas. I’m a Senior at Monett High School. Last year, school got cut short due to the pandemic on March 14, 2020. We were told that we’ll have a 2 week break. Then we were told, a 4 week break, then we were told school was going to be closed for the rest of the year. I was glad that school was over. I don’t know anyone that had the virus. This year school started on time and everyone has to wear a mask. I don’t like wearing masks. By the time you read this, I hope that there’s no pandemic and no one has to wear a mask.

Sincerely Isdani Salas
This was 2020. Everyone was wearing a mask.

I am a senior in high school and I'm graduating this year. I'm ready to start my life.
Dear future Missourians,

Hello, how are you guys doing today. I am writing to you now on a chromebook on a rainy day in March. It is currently the 28th. To start things off, my name is Ahtziri Salazar Cruz. This year, the pandemic has hit us hard. Some people lost jobs, family members, and we were all forced to quarantine. Some were forced to go online for school, which was hard for some. For me, I worked full-time and did virtual, which taught me that I should take things easy. This quarantine has taught us that we need to cherish more of our families, and the moments we have together. It also gave us time to find out who we really are, and gave us a break from the stress of our jobs, the future, and the unknown and really gave us a chance to live in the present moment. For some people, we found out new hobbies that we like, and new discoveries everyday about everything. Thankfully, we have rules and regulations and learned how to be safe from such a scary pandemic. Even if things are looking bad now, it's always a good thing to go through the bad to get through the good. Let's just hope nothing bad like that doesn't happen again. A note to future Missourians is to be more cautious of things like this, and be more prepared for the unknown

Sincerely,
Ahtziri Salazar
This photo is from my past. It represents one of the happiest days of my life, but that moment also taught me a very important lesson.
This picture is my present. Just me and my sister.
24 March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

We are in the year 2021 and we have been in a pandemic since last year that has caused many deaths and this is when most things got shut down and now we have to wear mandatory masks. In 25 years I hope things are way different and we no longer have to wear masks. I hope everything is back to normal.

Sincerely,

Mariana Saldana
This is Silvia Moncivaiz, Mrs. Sampson and I at school.
this is me on my 4th birthday!!!
Dear Future Missourian,

April 14, 2021

I hope you're well and safe. 2021 has been a crazy year with COVID. I pray our state is united, thriving, and making the USA proud. Proud to be a Missourian!

Sincerely,
Michelle Sampson
Monett, MO
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

I am writing this letter to talk about how beautiful the Show Me State is today. Missouri is a pretty state and I hope Missouri is still as pretty for however far into the future as it was today. It is called the Show Me State for many reasons such as the Ozarks, the lakes, the monuments, etc. I hope the Ozarks are still as beautiful as they are now along with the lakes such as Table Rock Lake. Those are two of the prettiest places I have seen in Missouri and they hopefully will continue to be in the future. Missouri also has some great touring places that people from around the United States come to tour and see. In the future hopefully those places are still as nice as they are now and not run down or abandoned for some reason. I expect that future Missourians take the best of care of this beautiful state. Missouri is one of the nicest states and hopefully will continue to be one of the prettiest states.

Sincerely,

Christian Selvey
March 25, 2021

Dear future Missourians,

The next time you open this letter it will be in the year 2046. I’ll be 41 years old and probably won’t remember that I put something into this time capsule. I have no idea what society or our state will be like, but I know for sure I’m not going to stay in this state by that time to find out.

I hope that our state advances greatly in architecture and education. I also hope that people’s minds are more open and accepting later on because I feel like the majority of people’s mindsets here are closed off and selfish. Not all is bad in this state. I grew up with many memories and have met great people, but I think there’s not much to do or enjoy when you live in a small town.

I hope you future Missourians do good for our state to make it a better place for our citizens. I hope people enjoy living here and the poverty, racism, and drug abuse all decreases for the better of the world.

Best regards,

Maya Silvers
24 March 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

This is Ian I am writing this hoping you get to read this. The year 2020 is the craziest year Missouri has had in a while. We are going through a huge pandemic that just seems to be increasing rapidly and it's a scary time to be a part of the world. I hope whatever year this is opened that society in Missouri is doing good and everyone is living there best life and enjoying the beauty that Missouri has to offer.

Sincerely

Ian, Sims
This is me 4 years ago

This is me and my girlfriend 7 months ago
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourians,

Currently in Missouri, we are facing many disagreements, arguments, and interruptions to the way we would normally live. Our state government has been torn apart by the opinions of those that aren’t educated on topics they think they are. The laws have been stretched and the economy is slowly fading. However, we have stepped up with some things here in Missouri. We became one of the few states that got rid of all the abortion clinics in our state and made it illegal to perform an abortion procedure. We continue to amaze ourselves with the different things that we have allowed to happen. The pandemic has fizzled out a little bit, but I’m sure you’ve heard plenty about that. I hope for the best for you and that you continue to stay strong in YOUR beliefs, not the beliefs and opinions of other people.

Best regards,

Morgan Slater
This is a picture that my senior photographer took of me.
This is a picture of me when I was 3 years old, in 2005.
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Dear, future Missourian

Future Missourian, be good. Many of our ancestors have left problems waiting. The future is not a time we can be hesitant to do the right thing. The past was given that opportunity and you can see how that turned out. I ask you to be nice to people and love people for their difference and don't hate people for their mistakes. Who knows maybe you will find those same flaws in yourself. Everyone is gonna wanna be different but differences aren't what everyone needs. How lonely will it be to not be able to relate. We are flawed creatures but there is "perfection" even in "imperfection. There is beauty in chaos and beauty will stand because beauty is good. Focus on fighting that chaos because that chaos is not the beauty it is the fight from within that chaos that expels true beauty. There is good and bad in every situation, what defines a person is what we do when we see that good and bad. If you want to really make a change in your own life or even in the community that was presented by the past to be better than what it is. It is as simple as being kind, compassionate, and loving. Many people fear love running from it. Many say they are strong for hurting people or being cold. The pain can be heavy but if you are truly wanna be brave you won't hide your emotions and you will go through that pain so those around you won't need to. We are all different but we are all also the same. We all wanna be different but we all have the same needs. So give others the very thing you need and watch how revolutionary kindness is. A last piece of advice is find something to believe in something to hold onto in this world for me that is God. Find meanings in things, the meaningless will make you lost. If you can't find meaning make a meaning through your own will. Live your life to the fullest and don't think any moment will happen again so live in it as though it is your last.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah sullivan
Running wild and free is a joy that never lasts. Cut short to the present with a clash. A past of free times and mad crimes. The cops weren't my enemy just a young kid creating frenemies. You will know by my state California the west. Wild and full of style. The west can be crazy but it brings a lot of good. Good I hold with me till the end like I should. My love waiting and changing. My past is similar to my present untamed but looking to be a resident. Every big decision in life is always gonna be hesitant. My past is full of mistakes and a vocabulary of whatever it takes. Pursuing the future like everyone else my past is wild and free every decision I make pushing heavier and heavier stakes. One thought of fear trying to avoid everyone who is fake. Learning indefinitely creating today by changing my past mistakes. A wild mess of beauty waiting for loves truly to find me in this blinding mess of two things, good and bad.
Spoken word
The present, yesterday's gift of today
The present, one lane from change
The present, a pain of change driving me insane
The present, a step to the future
The present, a choice of good and bad
The present, where I will end at last
The present, a step of my past, present, and future all tossed around in a game of chance

My life
Dear Future Missourians,

Hi my name is Kara. The year right now is 2021. We are in a pandemic right now and it's kinda crazy. It's called covid 19 and it's a sickness that a lot of people are dying from. You have to wear a mask and keep 6 feet apart in schools and stores right now, just to make sure you don't catch covid 19. I'm hoping that when you read this that covid 19 is not around anymore. I hope that you are doing well!
Kara Tuell
Summer of 2020
Kara Tuell
March 15th 2021
March 24, 2021

Dear Future Missourian,

In the last year and a half the world has changed so much but it has also brought many opportunities to learn as people and a country. These last 18 months have been the craziest of my life and the best advice I’ve ever received was to never be satisfied with what you have. Always push to be a better person. With the Covid-19 pandemic people have had so many excuses to sit at home and do nothing. So always strive for what is best for you and never be satisfied.

Best regards,

Ethan Umfleet
Past, 2021 Missouri State Class 2 Champion, Ethan Umfleet
Present, this is my family and they are with me till the future
Dear Future Missourians,

I wanted to tell you about what is happening in 2021. To start off, I'm just a small town girl, sitting in Ms. Sampson's class my senior year of high school. Life is pretty okay right now, about a year ago from now (March 2020) there was a global pandemic. Covid-19 is what they called it. It's a growing, contagious, hellfire respiratory virus. It has killed over 2.74 million people, worldwide. As of now, they have made a vaccine, there's some good news at least.

On another note, I will graduate from Monett High School on May 14th and I am so excited. I really hope I will come back to Monett when I get older to see the changes that have been made to this small town. I would like to see a dog park, or water park, but that's just me.

2021 is going to be a better year than 2020, I can't wait to see where I'll go and what I'll become in the future. I want to be an Anesthesiologist, study OBGYN medicine, or become a Psychiatric Nurse. I plan to go to med school right out of highschool, but most of all, I hope you're proud of me Brelynn.

Sincerely,

Brelynn Wellbaum
This is me on Flag Mountain in Taylor Park, Colorado. Even though there was a mask mandate, we didn't have to wear a mask at an elevation of 2,500ft.

Still having to wear a mask in 2021, but Monett's new hospital is finally built and open.
March 24, 2021

Dear future Missourians,

Hi, this Halica from the past and I'm hoping we are done with the pandemic at that time. In 2020 the best basketball player Kobe Bryntent died with his daughter on a helicopter. Everybody was so sad about their death. After a pandemic started to happen it was called the covid 19 and there were a lot of deaths when this started to happen. I would advise to live in the moment and have fun because you never know when you will spend time with them.

Sincerely,

Halica Yax
This is what I wrote when I was a junior in high school.

I want to live in a world where you can be Happy and Successful at the same time. I will be Doing what I love and not working at a boring job. I am doing everything to help me get where I want to be. I desire to live a Healthy Life and do things that I could never do when I was living in Monett. I desire a world where people don't get judged because of Their Culture. Don't treat anybody else different just because they're not from where you're from. I will Stand up for myself and don't be shy to do what's right. I want to teach my future Kids Traditions that I have been taught when I was younger. I will be teaching my children that everyone should be treated the same and treat them like You want to be Treated. I would want my children to not judge people by their first impression or what They Look like.
Photo of me and my friends freshman year in 2018-2019.