On behalf of the Merritt College faculty, professional staff, and administration, it is my honor and pleasure to acknowledge and congratulate you—the Distinguished Graduating Class of 2020! We join your family, friends, and loved ones in expressing our pride and admiration for a job well done!

As we reflect on this past academic year—as well as the weeks and months that lie ahead—we understand that we are in a time of great challenge and uncertainty. The pandemic is forcing us to navigate uncharted waters—and do so while we also deal with concomitant economic difficulty and political discord. But what gives me comfort and confidence is the knowledge that you have been educated and trained here at Merritt College. You are prepared to contend with and triumph over any and every obstacle placed in your path. With your knowledge, skills, and talents I know that you will meet the mark, and be the leaders that your community, this nation, and the world need you to be!

So please take a moment to bask in your achievement and partake in some celebratory fun. You have earned it. But also remember that this is not the end of your journey. Great and important tasks and achievements still await you, so run headlong toward them and accomplish all that your mind conceives and your heart desires.

Congratulations Merritt College Class of 2020! You did it!

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