Dear Class of 2020:

"Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds" is the theme for the 2020 LACCD Virtual Recognition Ceremony, hosted on June 9 by each of the nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District in celebration of your achievements as a member of the 2020 graduating class.

Yes, we understand that the Virtual Recognition Ceremony is not a substitute for the excitement and joy of an in-person ceremony. Please know that each campus will be inviting you to its 2021 in-person ceremony so that you will also have the opportunity to fully participate in a traditional Commencement exercise.

This email contains all the information that you'll need if you choose to be part of the festivities (and we hope that you do). As a reminder, all the "Frequently Asked Questions"--which are updated as needed--can be found here on the LACCD website.

Below you'll find the step-by-step instructions for participation. However, don't delay in submitting all your information, because we have a "hard and fast" deadline of 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.

**ONE. Make your video.** You have the opportunity to make a ten-second video that will be included in your College's ceremony. The details are in the attachment labeled "LACCD Video Recording Instructions." Follow the steps outlined, and when you get to section #5 that says "Delivery," you'll use one of the links below for your College.

Also at this link is an opportunity to RSVP and to provide information about your name as you want it to appear in the Ceremony, as well as help for your College announcers with pronunciation if necessary. Be sure that you've also included a correct mailing address.

**Student RSVP & Video Upload Links**
1. East LA College: [https://form.jotform.com/201274944353152](https://form.jotform.com/201274944353152)
2. La City College: [https://form.jotform.com/201274947204150](https://form.jotform.com/201274947204150)
3. LA Harbor College: [https://form.jotform.com/201274787187162](https://form.jotform.com/201274787187162)
4. LA Mission College: [https://form.jotform.com/201275195018149](https://form.jotform.com/201275195018149)
5. LA Pierce College: [https://form.jotform.com/201274481870152](https://form.jotform.com/201274481870152)
6. LA Southwest College: [https://form.jotform.com/201256358647056](https://form.jotform.com/201256358647056)
7. Trade-Tech College: [https://form.jotform.com/201274582269156](https://form.jotform.com/201274582269156)
Remember that you graduate from only one college: the one you've identified as your "home institution." If you're not sure, you need to confirm by contacting Admissions and Records at the college that you think is your home institution.

TWO. Make your Grad Slide. The Grad Slide will include your picture, your name, pertinent information (e.g., primary major), and a short quote, if you wish. The Slide is shown, along with your video, when your name is announced. Information about Grad Slides will come in a separate email from Grad Images, so be sure that the email doesn't accidentally go into your junk file.

THREE. Plan your celebration. We encourage you to hold viewing parties so that friends and family can share in your accomplishments. Two attachments provide you more information.

- "Virtual Recognition Ceremony Viewing Instructions"--Provided here are the links for how to view through Facebook or YouTube. One slide shows a blank for time of the ceremony. This is the time that the video will be officially available on June 9. Since the time is different for the nine different colleges, just go to your home institution's website and you'll find an announcement.
- "How to Celebrate in Social Distance Style"--Take a look at the many great ideas for making a party of the day and creating a celebration at home.

If you've any questions about your local ceremony, please reach out to the Commencement Chair for your campus:

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LA City College: Armineh Dereghishian, deregha@lacitycollege.edu
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LA Southwest College: Howard Irvin, irvinhj@lasc.edu
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On behalf of all of us in the Los Angeles Community College District, we take great pride in your achievements and recognize your tenacity in completing your program during this unprecedented time. We hope that you'll join us in making the Virtual Recognition Ceremony a true celebration of what you've accomplished.

Sincerely,

The President Tri-Chairs of the LACCD Virtual Recognition Ceremony:

Dr. Seher Awan, Los Angeles Southwest College
Dr. James Limbaugh, West Los Angeles College
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