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Dear Class of 2020:

In just six short weeks you will reach a milestone in your academic journey – your graduation from Glendale Community College. While the worldwide pandemic has impacted your lives in countless ways, you have persevered and will soon be joining the ranks of our many proud alumni whose academic and career pathways began at GCC. We applaud you for your resilience and determination, and thank you for being an inspiration to us all.

Over the past month our Commencement Committee has solicited input from college and student leaders, and conducted a survey of the Class of 2020 to help determine the best way to honor our graduates under the current public health and safety limitations. Based on this feedback, we will postpone this year's traditional in-person ceremony and invite the Class of 2020 to participate in the Spring 2021 commencement exercises *in June 2021*. Although the college will not be holding a virtual ceremony, the GCC website will feature videos, photos, stories, and other content to highlight and celebrate the Class of 2020. Honors graduates will receive a special notation on their diplomas when certificates and diplomas are mailed to all graduates in the summer. We will also be sending you a Class of 2020 gift package to include a commemorative envelope, graduation program, diploma cover, and Class of 2020 gold tassel that will arrive at your home by graduation day. Additional graduation memorabilia including caps and gowns will be available for order online through the [Glendale College Bookstore](#) website starting May 15, 2020. Finally, please check the [GCC graduation webpage](#) for ongoing information and updates.

On behalf of the entire GCC community, congratulations on your graduation and we wish you continuing success in your educational and career pursuits. We salute you for all your achievements, especially those that have come during this challenging time. Cheers to you Class of 2020!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Viar'.

Dr. David Viar  
Superintendent/President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sune Aghakian'.

Sune Aghakian  
ASGCC President/Student Trustee