



TO: All 2020 Graduates, Faculty, Staff and Administration

FROM: *Monica L. Brennan*
Monica Brennan, Chief of Staff to the President/Coordinator of Human Resources

DATE: April 24, 2020

SUBJECT: COMMENCEMENT NEWS

Congratulations to our Class of 2020!

We know how important it is for graduates, families, friends, faculty, staff, and alumni to celebrate you, the Class of 2020. As you are aware from the letter emailed to you on April 22 from President Hopper, after careful consideration of public and private responses to slow the virus transmission and encourage the widespread adoption of social distancing, we have decided to host a virtual Commencement on the scheduled date, Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. This date is what you have been striving for and we feel that it is important to celebrate the graduating seniors and all the hard work you have committed to get to this end result.

We will honor the tradition of commencement and follow the program as it has been done in the past with music; speeches by the college President, Academic Dean, Vice President/Dean of Students, KVCC Foundation, Maine Community College System, Maine Community College Board of Trustees, the Keynote Speaker, the Distinguished Alumni, and of course, your Student of the Year, Mason Peterson. The graduates will be presented as a group to the President by the Academic Dean, degrees conferred, and the graduates' photo, name, program and degree will be displayed for those that provide the information by May 5. More information is provided below.

The virtual commencement link will be available from the KVCC website and will be broadcast (*pending confirmation*) on local access television. More details will be forth coming, and information will be updated as it is available on the website.

As the time quickly approaches for your graduation from KVCC, I would like to provide you with the following information:

IMPORTANT EVENT DETAILS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT:

- * **Graduate Photos:** Please submit an appropriate photo of yourself, include your name as you want it to be displayed, program, and degree, as soon as possible, but no later than May 5. This will allow us to review the photos and then submit to Headlight Audio/Visual to create the final virtual product. Photos can be done as a selfie, as a portrait, wearing your cap and gown if you receive it in time, etc. Please email to mbrennan@kvcc.me.edu
- * **Caps, Gowns, Stoles and Honor Cords:** Will be mailed out to students by May 1.

- * **Commencement Information Available:** Updates will be posted on the KVCC Website, KVCC Facebook page and KVCC App.
- * **Virtual:** Headlight Audio Visual Inc. will provide a link to the virtual Commencement for graduates, their family and friends, to watch the ceremony. This link will be available on the website next week.

**Students who do not plan to submit photos for commencement
must notify the Academic Affairs Office by May 5, 2020.

Email: chansen@kvcc.me.edu

COMMENCEMENT DAY:

- * Saturday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.
- * KVCC Commencement link will be available the week of April 27 and listed on the website.
- * Local Access Television: If available, will provide station listings on the KVCC website.
- * **Commencement Keynote Speaker**, Congressman Jared Golden
- * **Music** provided by the Blue Hill Brass Quintet.

*Commencement information updates & additional details will be available on the:
KVCC Website: <https://www.kvcc.me.edu/student-services/resources/commencement>;
KVCC Facebook Page and KVCCApp*

AFTER COMMENCEMENT:

- * **Diploma Covers and Diplomas** will be mailed to graduates after June 26th.

*Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact
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