

March 31, 2020

Dear KVCC Students, Adjunct Faculty, Faculty, Staff and Administration:

Amid all the uncertainty surrounding the impacts of COVID-19 and recent directives from the federal and state governments, it has become very clear that KVCC will have to modify its traditional commencement ceremony for the graduates of 2020. Such modifications could include changes to format, location, date, and/or time.

This is disappointing news for all of us because we as a community care deeply about celebrating student achievement and accomplishment. Students at KVCC make a tremendous amount of sacrifice to complete their programs; the faculty and staff take great pride in celebrating KV students.

We are working out details for an alternative and we will keep you posted as options are worked out and details become more concrete.

The current pandemic has turned everyone's daily routine and life plans upside down. The good news: concerted social distancing efforts appear to be flattening the curve in Maine and across the country. The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines state that large gatherings should be postponed through at least mid-May.

The health and safety of our students, employees, family members, and wider community is our top priority. I am endeavoring to find a solution that will provide appropriate celebration of graduates with full respect for the law and the need for continued social distancing.

I'm grateful to the students, faculty, and staff who continue to rise to our current challenges as a community.

Thank you all for your cooperation, understanding, and kindness.

With every good wish,



Richard R. Hopper
President