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Dear Graduate:

While warm Maine summer days are now upon us, here at CMCC we have not forgotten all your hard work and accomplishments that we were not able to celebrate with a traditional ceremony in May. The good news is that we are hard at work on a professionally produced “Class of 2020” graduation commencement video that we want all of you to participate in.

Our next step in this process is getting regalia to those of you who ordered it. We will be holding a special “Regalia Pickup Day” on Tuesday, June 30 from 2-6 p.m. If you are unable to make it that day or don’t live in the area, we will ship your regalia to you via UPS.

For the graduation video to be all that we want it to be, we want photos of you properly attired in your cap and gown. We will have professional photographers here on Regalia Pickup Day so they can take your photos then. We will observe all CDC safety measures and will share more details on this early next week.

For graduates receiving regalia via UPS, we will be posting instructions on how to wear regalia, photo taking, and how and where to send us your photo. Once we have everyone’s picture, we will complete video production and editing and get it to you.

I have worked in higher education for the majority of my life and this is the first time in my career that I have not attended the commencement ceremony for my graduates. This is deeply disappointing for me as I know it is for you. Commencement is not just a formality or rote exercise but rather the public recognition of an academic journey filled with hard work.

I continue to hope that we can host a reception for the Class of 2020 when it is safe to do so. When we gather at that time to recognize your academic achievement, I want the honor of buying everyone (of legal age) a celebratory drink!

Until then, please enjoy a safe and healthy summer.

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