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Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on your graduation from Central Maine Community College. Under ordinary circumstances college graduation is significant and represents an end to a sometimes difficult journey filled with hard work. As a graduate of 2020, you had all of the trials and tribulations of past graduates, but you had to complete your degree program in ways neither you nor I would have imagined due to a virus that up until a short time ago we did not know even existed.

It would have been great if we could have topped off this year with our usual in person graduation ceremony, but that was not to be. When it became apparent that we could not have the usual ceremony, we surveyed you and your fellow graduates to ask what you wanted us to do. Our options were to postpone the ceremony, do a virtual ceremony, or put together a commemorative graduation video. Overwhelmingly, you told us you wanted the ceremony postponed until it was safe to do an in-person function and that is what the College did. In a few weeks we will make a decision as to whether an in-person ceremony will be possible in the near future. If we find that we will not be able to have an in-person function, we will proceed to produce a graduation video that we will send to you. At some point we may be able to follow that video up with a campus reception.

In the meantime, if you ordered graduation regalia please be assured we will get it to you as the College is not currently open to the public. If you have not ordered regalia and would like to do so, you still can. You will find the instructions on CMConnect.

There is nothing I will miss more than shaking your hand at commencement this Thursday, but please know the respect and admiration I have for you. As you leave CMCC, please know that you will always be in our hearts and you will always be a part of this College. I wish you good luck and good health.

*Scott Knapp*

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