RRCC Students,

The disruption of the spring semester by the global COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted one of Red Rocks Community College's most cherished traditions: our Spring commencement. The commencement ceremony marks the culmination of a student's time on campus and celebrates an important milestone. Red Rocks does not want the achievements of our students to go unheralded. Therefore, we will honor and recognize these accomplishments with a virtual celebration.

In lieu of the originally scheduled commencement ceremony on May 16, Red Rocks will conduct a virtual ceremony to recognize the achievements of the 2020 spring graduates. This web-based ceremony will include remarks by President Haney and other Red Rocks faculty, staff, and students along with an opportunity for students to submit photos and thank you cards for virtual ceremony recognition. In addition, each graduate will receive a commencement program book and 50th anniversary diploma cover. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates during the summer.

Red Rocks recognizes that the pandemic has touched every aspect of life and that this is not the commencement that graduates, their families, and their friends were looking forward to. All of us at RRCC hope that this virtual plan will allow graduates to celebrate their great achievements at Red Rocks during this extraordinary time in history.

Those students who have completed the Application for Graduation will receive additional information about these alternate commencement plans.

This update is also available on the Commencement Services website and the College's COVID-19 website.

If you have any questions about graduation please contact Carla Plucknett at <u>Carla.Plucknett@rrcc.edu</u> or <u>Student.Records@rrcc.edu</u>.

Thank you for your understanding. This is very disappointing for all of us.

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