THE CLASS OF 2020

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CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Dear Graduates,

Congratulations!

This is your moment to celebrate. We honor your achievements with you. In this unusual year of COVID-19, we honor you without the usual ceremony. We know you and your families will miss coming to commencement this year. All of us—trustees, faculty, administrators, and staff at The Graduate Center—will miss sharing this with you.

But we want you back in your caps and gowns in 2021 when The Graduate Center will once again hold our in-person ceremony to commemorate this milestone.

The Graduate Center thrives on collegiality, the passion to explore new ideas, and the conviction that generating knowledge is essential for advancing the public good.

As you move forward, be assured that your skills and creativity; your experience as researchers, writers, and teachers; and your willingness to embrace challenge are more crucial than ever. Continue to stay attuned to ideas from fields other than your own. Listen to others. We need you.

Completing a graduate degree is often a juggling act. So, take the time to thank your families and friends who have been with you throughout your studies. Salute your advisers and our exceptional faculty.

We take enormous pride in your achievements here at The Graduate Center. Stay in touch. Share your accomplishments with us as you join the thousands of other proud Graduate Center alumni.

Speaking to the graduating class a few years ago, Professor André Aciman said that “life grants few such moments when we can feel achievement, accomplishment, and success in one and the same breath.”

On behalf of all of us at The Graduate Center, revel in this moment. We’ll see you on stage next year.

With warmest regards,

James Muyskens
Interim President
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Congratulations to all of the master’s students and doctoral candidates who completed their degrees between September 2019 and June 2020.
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