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Dear Graduate and family:

Congratulations, you did it! Graduating from high school is a big accomplishment. You put years of effort into your education and becoming the person you are today. This is a day to celebrate!

The world continues to look different from what any of us expected. Still, that does not diminish your accomplishments. Graduation is a major milestone and a moment for you to look back at your hard work and accomplishments. It is also an opportunity to look forward to your next steps. What are your goals for your life? Your career? With your family and friends?

If you have not already made plans or if your plans for the coming years are changing, know that we are here to support you. As you begin the next phase of your journey, we encourage you to consider enrolling in a college or university here in the state of Washington. **There is a place for you, and it is never too late to join us!**

We want to welcome you to our colleges and universities. They're a great way to get started on the next stage of your life. Together, our community and technical colleges as well as our public and private four-year colleges and universities are national leaders in affordability, transfer, and degree completion.

If you want to earn your degree, learn a skill, or find out what college is like, our campuses have classes and programs for you. Our institutions will meet you where you are and take you to the next level. And our faculty and staff are supportive and dedicated to supporting each and every student's journey.

We also have ways to help you pay for college. Ready to get started? Check out the websites below. You can take a campus tour and talk to an advisor to find out more about what our institutions have to offer and the kinds of classes you can take. You can also learn more about getting help to pay for college at wsac.wa.gov/apply.

Again, congratulations on graduating! We are so proud of you. Your journey is only just beginning and we cannot wait to see what you do next!

- **Community and Technical Colleges:** <http://sbctc.edu/our-colleges/>
- **Private, Non-Profit Four-Year Colleges and Universities:** <https://icwashington.org/campusvisits>
- **Public Four-Year College and Universities:** <https://councilofpresidents.org/Admissions>

Best wishes,



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