Hello again,

I hope this letter finds you well and settling in to a new "norm" with your classes. May is quickly approaching, and we know you're wondering about graduation. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has turned our worlds upside down, and that includes graduation. But! That doesn't mean we aren't going to celebrate this important milestone in your life!

While WNCC won't be holding a physical commencement ceremony this year, here's how we plan to celebrate you and your achievement:

- By the end of the semester, you will receive a commemorative package in the mail that will include your diploma cover, a graduation program, your gold tassel, and an alumni pin from our Alumni Association. (We're also thinking of one or two surprise items as well that will give you that graduation "experience" as good as we can make it from a distance.)
- Later, after grades are in for spring semester, we will mail your actual diploma.

Because you are not able to return to campus to complete the usual end-of-the-year checklists, all you need to do is do well in your classes and complete your graduation questionnaires and email it to us at registrar@wncc.edu by April 28. We appreciate those of you who supplied us with the information to order your cap and gown, but those will not be ordered.

So, be looking for your graduation package in the mail! Please know that you are close to our hearts at this time and we will virtually extend those high fives, cheers, and hugs as we think about your accomplishments.

As a special note to our nursing graduates, the Nursing Department is planning to schedule a Pinning Ceremony later this summer for those who can participate. You will receive further information on that soon.

Students planning on graduating from the Adult Education program will also receive notification of a summer ceremony as well.

Thank you, graduates, for your diligence and persistence in getting over the finish line. We wish you all the best and please email us if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Roger Hovey, Registrar Brian Elkins, Assistant Registrar Jennifer Araujo, Records Specialist