



April 23, 2020

To our ACC graduates:

As we at ACC look at the class of 2020, you, our graduates will stand out for your remarkable resilience. Despite the upheaval from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, you have persevered and completed your education at ACC.

To honor your dedication and hard work, we are excited to offer a Virtual Commencement Ceremony. The Dual Enrollment Ceremony can be viewed online Friday, May 22, while a separate ceremony will be published online Saturday, May 23 for all other ACC graduates. These ceremonies will include the announcement of each graduate individually, along with their photograph. They will also include the certification of graduates and a Commencement Address from Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of Southern Association Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

While we are offering all Spring graduates the chance to participate in the Virtual Commencement, we would like to also offer all graduates an invitation to participate in-person during the Fall Commencement Ceremony on December 12, 2020. If you would like to walk across the stage and proudly accept your diploma, we would love for you to come back for this ceremony.

If you are graduating through our Dual Enrollment program, your picture will be obtained through your respective high schools.

For our on-campus graduates, we are asking that you e-mail us the photo you would like us to use during the Virtual Commencement when your name is called. Please reply to this e-mail with the photo of your choosing attached, and your name in the body of the letter so we can properly match them during the ceremony.

Please make sure that the photo you submit is appropriate for a Commencement Ceremony. We welcome images of you in cap and gown or selfies. Please make sure photos are high resolution, avoid sending screenshots, and be sure the image is not larger than 3 megabytes.

The deadline to submit photos for the ceremony is Friday, May 1. If you need any assistance with a photo, please reach out to us prior to that date by emailing accgrad2020@alvincollege.edu.

Please understand, this is not how we envisioned Spring 2020 Commencement to be. We view commencement as one of the most rewarding parts of working for ACC. We would much rather conduct our ceremonies in person to celebrate with you and your families. However, with the health and safety of our students and staff in mind, we will move forward with the Virtual Commencement.

We are very proud of you and the work you have put into becoming an ACC graduate. Fins up!

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