



April 22, 2021

Dear Graduating Student:

Our records indicate that you signed up to participate in our 2021 Virtual Commencement Ceremony on May 22nd. As such, I wanted to use this opportunity to explain what that means.

You will not be required to come to campus for an in-person ceremony on May 22nd. Most aspects of the ceremony (student speeches, Commencement Speaker address, the FW Matthiessen Award, etc.) will be repackaged and delivered remotely via the IVCC website (specific link to be shared at a later date). You and your family members will be able to login and view the ceremony as if it were being held in-person on campus. The video will then be available to be viewed on demand as you deem necessary.

You will be able to come to campus to pick up the following items the week of May 10th in the Counseling Center, CTC-202: professionally printed graduation program, cap & gown, and IVCC diploma cover. Upon receiving the aforementioned graduation items, we will ask you to take a picture of yourself wearing your cap and gown while holding your IVCC diploma cover and to upload it back to us at <https://bit.ly/ivccstudentphoto2021> by 4:30pm on May 17th. We will then create a graphic with your picture and name for when Dr. Deborah Anderson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reads your name as an IVCC graduate.

For those of you who are in an honor society (PTK, Sigma Kappa Delta, Alpha Delta Nu, Sigma Delta Nu, TEACH, Tau Upsilon Alpha, Project Success, Emphasis on Global Studies, military veterans, and the IVCC Honors Program), we have reached out to your advisor and asked that they work with you directly for assigning cords & stoles. Please touch base with them as they will provide us with the cords & stoles so that we can distribute them to you.

As the date approaches, you will receive additional emails with reminders about the upcoming event. You are also encouraged to check www.ivcc.edu/commencement to keep up to date on details regarding the ceremony. Please feel free to contact me at **(815) 224-0361** with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mark Grzybowski
Vice President for Student Services
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