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Dear Students,

We wanted to provide an update on Commencement plans for those graduating this term.

Commencement 2020 Update:

While the college is following the CDC and local guidelines for social distancing, it becomes increasingly unlikely that graduation festivities will remain as traditionally held. The college is pursuing alternatives including virtual and alternative formats, and postponement. While it may be a more unconventional ceremony, know that we will be celebrating your accomplishments! We will share more detailed plans as they become available.

If you are planning to graduate, please continue reading:

Dear Graduates,

We want to provide you with an important update regarding this year's commencement ceremonies. Your achievement and accomplishments are extremely important to us –as is your health and safety.

As we continue to adhere to CDC, public health, and local guidance about social distancing, it is unlikely that we will be back together in person soon. The traditional commencement ceremony, and its more than 6,000 participants gathered in one place would pose a risk to our students and their families. However, we will not let your success go without celebration!

While we are still navigating the details of alternative formats, I can let you know that we are gathering student input, working with sister campuses, and coming up with creative ways to honor you and this important milestone!

We are so proud of you all.

In the meantime, be sure to petition to graduate. This is required for your degree to be processed. **The deadline has been extended until Friday, April 17. *Petitioning to graduate will include your email for any further announcements.***

Please follow the links below for how-to videos:

- How to fill out an Associate Degree for Transfer:
 - https://riohondo0-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/mdeleon_riohondo_edu/EcGGrU_1s4NDibJuiMwCpd8BqIPceLV4J91B3-g-vANmJg?e=BUcDSL
- How to fill out a local degree or certificate:
 - https://riohondo0-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/mdeleon_riohondo_edu/Eayl_8mAn8pCtlfW3KDt4x4BbVdTlimg2tlshu1FhZyUSg?e=KgmybB

Congratulations to you all!

Sincerely,

Henry Gee
Vice President, Student Services