Office of the President



October 19, 2020

Dear 2020 Graduates,

Final details are being made for your upcoming <u>Fall Convocation ceremony on October 28</u>, ensuring it will be a safe and special moment for you, your loved ones, family, classmates and mentors.

This year's online celebration will be like no other in Algonquin College's history, with virtual ceremonies customized for each campus, program and graduate. Our preparations have centred around keeping you and your loved ones safe. We have all seen the recent news headlines confirming that COVID-19 remains a significant threat with cases back on the rise.

Because of this, we want to encourage each of you to attend this virtual ceremony and celebrate only with those you live with. Gathering in person with classmates and others from outside your immediate household runs contrary to Public Health guidelines and must be avoided. Celebrating in person with those outside your home, during or after the ceremony, increases the risk of you, your loved ones, peers and colleagues becoming sick and spreading the virus.

We encourage you to enjoy the virtual post ceremony receptions, a chance for you to celebrate online with your peers, friends, mentors and classmates.

We are proud of each you and your accomplishments. It is with care and respect for you, and our entire community, that we extend our best wishes for a safe and joyous graduation ceremony.

Sincerely,

Laura Stanbra Vice President, Student Services