

Script to be part of faculty graduation speech. Just record yourself reading this and send the movie (or link) to me kkrolikowski@contracosta.edu. If you can, read it along with the movie so we can edit our voices all together at the same time!

PART 1

Hello CCC Class of 2020! I'm Katie Krolikowski, President of the Faculty Academic Senate. Here's one last thing all of your professors would like you to know.

PART 2

Throughout these past few years, you have had to endure more than anyone: fires, smoke, power outages, COVID-19. You have stood firm to your commitment to your education. You have remained resilient in the face of adversity. Congratulations! We are so proud of you! You are now ready to conquer anything!

PART 3

Everyone who works here at the college has been cheering you on, and been looking forward to this day. We might not be able to hand you your diploma in person, but you are making history as the first CCC virtual graduating class!

PART 4

You have overcome so much during these times. As Michael Jordan said, "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." The obstacles that you have overcome during your years at CCC have prepared you for the obstacles you will face for the rest of your life. Imagine the possibilities. Believe in yourself.

PART 5

After all of your classes, you know about all kinds of subjects and write essays about all sorts of topics but recognizing kindness and respect in your work and life is the most important thing.

PART 6

I've never known such wise people as the students of CCC. I believe that you are showing the way to the people of our state and to our country. This is a moment of transition for you. Know yourself, your value, and your power. Take in all this love and pride surrounding you today. Definitely celebrate today. Tomorrow, though- get OUT there and show everyone else the way. Make this world the one we all want it to be! You can do it- you graduated from Contra Costa College!

PART 7

Congratulations 2020 Graduates. Even though we're not with you physically, we are with you in spirit. Everything you have gone through at this point will make you stronger in the future. We want you to know that every person at CCC values you, respects you and wishes you the very best moving forward.

