

June 10, 2021

Our Spring 2021 Semester has finished strong and proven our theme of “ready and able.” During this frightening, unsettling, and uncertain time of pandemic, GCC faculty and staff adjusted, innovated, and stayed focused on service to our students.

With those extraordinary efforts, GCC students earned more degrees and certificates than ever, and although we dropped in the number of students served, clearly the success of those who joined our remote endeavor was impressive.

Those who participated in the graduation celebration Wednesday saw first-hand the joy of more than 450 students, joined by family and friends, as they drove their vehicles into the parking structure to receive a gift bag before cruising through “Celebration Row” in Lot A. Cell phone cameras captured the lines of cheering GCC faculty and staff, pulsating music, decorated cars, honking horns, big smiles and jubilant tears. It was truly electric and reminded me of the importance of witnessing graduation events in person. I always leave rejuvenated and refocused on our purpose and appreciative for choosing this profession.

Later Wednesday evening the virtual commencement ceremony premiered online, viewed so far by more than 1,600 people. Also available for viewing are scenes from the drive-thru celebration and congratulatory messages provided by nearly 50 of our faculty and staff.

[2021 Virtual Commencement Ceremony](#)
[Drive-thru Celebration and Congratulations](#)

All of these celebratory activities remind us of the difference we are making in peoples’ lives. We are their hope in action and as our new logo highlights, we are their bridge to success. Never forget, through all our challenges and frustrations, we are making a difference. The responsibilities each of us have in our work at GCC help make possible our students’ achievements. And that means all students through our continued and essential commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Gradually, steadily, and safely, we are returning to the time when our campuses will be filled with students, faculty, and staff and when our classes, services, and student engagement activities will be offered in a mix of remote and in-person modalities that meet all students’ needs.

The Board of Trustees and I extend our deepest appreciation and thanks for your work.



David Viar
Superintendent/President

Superintendent/President Dr. David Viar

Board of Trustees Sevan Benlian • Yvette Vartanian Davis • Dr. Armine Hacopian • Desireé Portillo Rabinov • Ann H. Ransford