

## Eastern Campus Office of the Executive Dean

May 20, 2021

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on your significant accomplishment in graduating within the 2020-2021 academic year.

This has been a year like none before. Usually, I offer a congratulations to the class of "fill in the year of graduation." This year, I offer a congratulations to the graduating class of the year of "never before." I call you this because,

- Never before, have I been so wholly impressed by a group of graduates.
- Never before, has a graduating class been so tenacious in accomplishing the goal they set out for themselves.
- Never before, has a graduating class overcome so many obstacles as you all did this academic year.
- Never before, have I been as proud of the work of our students, and our faculty, as I am this year.
- And never before will the imprint of a graduating class be made on my memory like yours has.

I hope you face your next pursuit, along with the inevitable and unexpected challenges the future may bring, with as much tenacity, grit, and commitment to success as you demonstrated this year in accomplishing your goal to graduate.

This milestone is now your new benchmark in striving and achieving success. You did it! Keep pursing your goal! I wish you the best of return for all things in your future and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Mary Reese, Ed. D.

Dr. Mary Reese Campus CEO/Executive Dean (Interim) and Associate Dean of Student Affairs