April 27, 2020

To York College Spring 2020 Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations on your achievement! This year has been extraordinary, to say the least. You have prevailed during this difficult time of change and uncertainty. The entire York College community joins me in expressing great pride in your accomplishments.

I had previously shared with you my intention to have an on-campus celebration in your honor at some point during the 2020-21 academic year when circumstances on campus allow. While this remains the case, like you, I too was looking forward to Spring 2020 commencement exercises. While this is not possible now, we will hold a virtual commencement ceremony on May 31 at 3 p.m. to recognize your achievement. Please save the date and share this with your family and friends, so they will have an opportunity to congratulate you as well.

You will receive an email on May 1 requesting some information and a photo to be used during our virtual ceremony. Details will be available soon at commencement.ycp.edu.

Regalia and Other Items
While you will not need regalia (cap and gown) for the virtual ceremony on May 31, we wanted to ensure that you have an opportunity to wear it for our future on-campus celebration. The May 1 email from the College will include a question about regalia. You will have the option to indicate that:

1. You want your regalia shipped to your home address.
2. You would like to cancel your order and have your money refunded.
3. You did not order regalia.

Other commencement items (honor cords, extra tassels, announcements, diploma frames, etc.) may be ordered at www.ycp.edu/bookstore or purchased when the Bookstore reopens.

While I realize that this may not be the way all of us had planned to acknowledge and celebrate your graduation from York College, I hope this virtual ceremony will provide a time for you and your family and friends to "gather" until we have the opportunity to do so on the York College campus.

Congratulations!

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