

“Dare to dream your next steps of climbing the ladder of your dreams!”



Your hard-fought journey to reach this level of success in your young lives is a tribute to your steadfastness, your discipline, and your ideals for success on your life journeys. This is just the beginning. College at all levels awaits you! Dare to dream your next steps of climbing the ladder of your dreams!

Margaret Carter
Oregon State Senator, Retired

“Remember the shoulders that you stand on and that we will *ALWAYS* be here for you.”

Our hearts beat with pride as we celebrate your accomplishments. Through hard work and determination you kept your eyes on the prize and can proudly say “I graduated!” Our community believed in you and had high expectations that you would be successful as we stood up and spoke up on your behalf when we needed to. Graduation is a rite of passage and as you move into the next phase of your journey, remember the shoulders that you stand on and that we will *ALWAYS* be here for you. Congratulations.

Joyce Harris (Mama Joyce)
Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice & Police Reform

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020

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What a world in which you are graduating. We need you desperately. You are the ones who will build a new world where equality will be at the core. We need you to build a world that is not dependent on fossil fuels, a world without hate, and a world where everyone has opportunity to thrive. I can’t wait to see what comes next. And I’m holding a seat on Portland City Council for you.



Jo Ann Hardesty, Portland City Commissioner



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Congratulations! I’m so proud of you! I know you’re probably overwhelmed with advice, so I’ll keep this short! I just have three things I want to tell you: First, your education doesn’t have to ever be over. Regardless of where you’re headed next, to college, to a job, to travel, if you keep an open and curious mind you won’t ever stop learning and growing—it’s one of the best things about being human. Second, remember there is more than one way to get there!

Not everyone knows who or what they want to be at 18. Not everyone has an easy or conventional path. And that’s okay, you’ve got plenty of time to figure things out. Third, your voice is so important and your generation is already having a huge impact from climate change to police reform. Keep it coming—**THE WORLD NEEDS YOU!**

Chloe Eudaly, Portland City Commissioner

“Above all, believe in yourself and know that your community is proud of each and every one of you.”



You have done it! You have persevered! You have prevailed! In spite of the chaos, the distractions, the political noise and a global pandemic, you graduated. We are looking forward to the positive energy and ideas you bring to our city, our country, our world. We know you will be a positive force as you move towards making real your vision of a different and better world.

It will not be easy but you have already shown that you are strong and courageous. We need your strength, your courage. Keep in mind the people and values that are dear to you and let them help to guide you.

Above all, believe in yourself and know that your community is proud of each and every one of you.

Kathleen Saadat
Human Rights Activist and Recording Artist