



July 22, 2020

Dear EOC Students, Family and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to join all Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) and College and Career Outreach Centers on **July 29, 2020 at 6:00pm** for the first-ever, statewide **EOC Virtual Commencement Ceremony**. This event will celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of you, our dedicated students, as well as recognize the contributions of all participants, faculty, staff, family and friends.

EOC graduates from across New York State are scheduled to receive certificates of completion from over 20 career training and academic preparation programs. This includes vocational areas such as Allied Health, culinary services, dental assisting and more, as well as academic disciplines like college preparation, high school equivalency and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

Many of you have overcome significant obstacles to achieve this success. A student roundtable highlighting personal stories will illustrate the important role our students and EOCs serve in communities statewide.

Later in the program, speeches and reflections will accompany student award recognitions. We are also grateful and excited to share that Hon. Carl E. Heastie, Speaker of the New York State Assembly and longtime champion of EOCs, will deliver our keynote address.

Thousands of friends and relatives of this year's graduates from across New York State are expected to attend this virtual ceremony. Please make sure that you are one of them.

Join us on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/generationsuny/> or YouTube Premium at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe8kAyDcuYDCDqjBI6MuNkA> as we celebrate and honor the EOC Class of 2020.

Be well.

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