

May 19, 2020

Dear Graduates:

I hope all is well with you and your families. We recognize that today would have been your formal Rochester EOC Graduation Celebration at the Eastman Theatre. We understand that not having this celebration comes with mixed emotions. Please understand that even though we are not celebrating with each other in person, we have not forgotten each and every one of you and we are celebrating with you in spirit.

The Rochester EOC is working behind the scenes to celebrate our graduates in creative ways. Please keep looking for updated communication on how we will be celebrating you. Your participation may be necessary. Please do not lose touch with us and check your emails and the Rochester EOC website often.

In addition, the University Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD) wants to recognize ALL of New York State's Educational Opportunity Center's 2020 graduates collectively in a virtual ceremony. This ceremony is currently scheduled for the end of July, 2020. We will keep you updated with information as things progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize this year's scholarship and award winners. Please join me in celebrating the success of your classmates.

- Rochester EOC Executive Director's Award – Jasmine Brady (Barbering)
- Dr. Betty Marian Anderson Scholarship – Ineida Feliciano (Licensed Practical Nursing)
- Maxine Gooden Scholarship – Jeniffer Bellington (Licensed Practical Nursing)
- Rochester Area Colleges Continuing Education (RACCE) Outstanding Adult Student Award – Darrell Foster (High School Equivalency)
- Rochester EOC Student Video Contest Winner (Social Distancing Category)- Nagelys Morales (Pre- Licensed Practical Nursing)

As always, stay safe, stay healthy, and be encouraged.
We appreciate you all!

Sincerely,



Dr. Roosevelt Mareus
Dean/Executive Director