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SCHOOL OF NURSING

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To our graduating seniors; our masters and doctorate recipients; and family and honored guests,

Thank you for being such an important part of the UConn Nursing community. I want you to know that while your faculty, friends, loved ones, and university staff are socially distancing at home to keep everyone safe, we are all gathering together and joining you in this moment – your moment, hard earned and well-deserved.

Each of you has walked your own unique path that has brought you to this moment, complete with different experiences, different challenges, and different joys, and that the student journey has seldom been easy. But you have learned, and you have grown. For all of you, being a nurse is not simply a job: It is using all of your knowledge, your skills, and your whole being to meet the needs of others, of the most vulnerable, and always remembering the importance of compassion and caring.

For some of you, this will mark the end of your higher education experience and the beginning of a new chapter as you enter the field of nursing at a time of unprecedented challenge. We know, however, just how ready you are to meet that challenge – we have seen your dedication, your spirit, and your deep desire to provide exemplary care to those who will depend upon you. In these trying times, we rest well in the knowledge that you – the next generation of nurses – will be there when needed the most.

For those of you continuing on to seek advanced degrees, either here at UConn or at another institution, we cannot wait to see where your educational journey brings you, what scholarship you bring to the field, and what innovation you contribute to the betterment of the health care landscape as a whole.

I want you to know how proud we are of all of your accomplishments and how excited we are for all that is to come in your careers and your lives. It is my honor to welcome you to the ranks of our distinguished alumni – Huskies today, and Huskies forever.

To the UConn School of Nursing Class of 2020, my deepest, heartfelt congratulations.

Very truly yours,



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