Dear Class of 2021,

On behalf of the San José Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees, Chancellor Byron Cliff Breland, and the Evergreen Valley College faculty, classified professionals, and administrators, it is my distinct honor and privilege to invite you to participate in the 2021 Evergreen Valley College Commencement. We want to celebrate your joyous achievement of accomplishing one of life’s significant triumphs, becoming a college graduate.

My heart is full of pride as I think of all the hard work and perseverance you’ve exhibited to achieve this milestone, including completing your studies amid a global pandemic. Your determination to succeed regardless of challenges is the manifestation of your dreams and your loved ones.

I do not doubt that the fortitude you demonstrated here at Evergreen will continue to move you forward into the future you imagine for yourself. Whether it be transferring on to a four-year university, securing a life-sustaining career, or in a better position to care for children and loved ones, I look forward to seeing the great things you will do in your life and the lives of our community!

Every Good Wish,

Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson
President Evergreen Valley College
Congratulations
Class of 2021!

EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE
2021 COMMENCEMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
GRADUATION PARADE: 12:00PM-2:30PM
3095 YERBA BUENA ROAD
SAN JOSE, CA 95135

VIRTUAL CEREMONY: 5:00 PM VIA YOUTUBE
# DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td><strong>LAST DAY TO SUBMIT GRADUATION PETITIONS</strong></td>
<td>Call the Counseling Office to schedule your appointments (408) 270-6475.</td>
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Students must complete their contact verification form in order to ensure that EVC has updated information and cell phone numbers. Once the contact verification form is completed, students should expect to receive a text message from the Full Measure App within 48 hours. |
| April 30, 2021  | **LAST DAY TO RSVP FOR COMMENCEMENT**                                | Students must complete their Grad Slide information and RSVP via through the Full Measure App by 5:00pm PST. |
| May 20, 2021    | **COMMENCEMENT DAY**                                                 | EVC Graduation Parade  
12:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.- See below for schedule  
EVC Virtual Commencement Ceremony  
6:00 p.m- Graduation Starts |
Key Information

COMMUNICATION & GRAD UPDATES
All information and updates related to graduation will be available online through the Graduation 2021 tab on the EVC Homepage, on EVC Social Media Pages (Facebook and Instagram), and via email. Please be sure to both follow us on Instagram and Facebook and check your email regularly to ensure you do not miss important reminders and updates.

If you are not receiving email or text notifications please contact the Office of Student Life: by email at studentlife@evc.edu or by calling (408) 223-6768.

HONOR CORDS AND TASSELS
Every year the Associated Student Government purchases gold chords and tassels for students graduating with honors. This list of students is verified and provided by Admissions and Records. Students graduating within the following three Honors Distinction will receive a FREE cord and tassel to wear during the graduation ceremony:
1. CUM LAUDE (3.50-3.74)
2. MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.75-3.99)
3. SUMMA CUM LAUDE (4.00)
Students with a cumulative GPA that falls in one of the three above categories will receive an email notification. You will be able to pick up your cords and tassel during the drive through Graduation Parade.

CAP & GOWN ORDERS
Students who order their Cap and Gowns or other Commencement-related items via Herff Jones by the April 22, 2021 deadline will have their items shipped directly to the address provided on the order. Please verify your address before you complete the order.

If you are in a Special Academic Program (i.e. EOPS, San Jose Promise, etc.), please check with your program to see if a Cap & Gown will be provided to you BEFORE purchasing your Cap & Gown.
Key Information

HERFF JONES APP
Herff Jones has created an app that you can utilize to access information about placing an order, graduation announcements, diploma frames, other graduation-related items, and graduation rings. You can visit the website directly by clicking here or you can utilize the QR Code in the image below. Remember the deadline to submit your order is April 22, 2021.
Graduation Day Parade

Before the virtual ceremony airs at 5:00 pm, we want to spend the afternoon celebrating with YOU, the graduating Class of 2021, in a Drive-Thru Graduation Parade.

The drive-thru parade will be a time to celebrate your graduation with your classmates, family members, favorite professors, and members of our EVC community. Feel free to decorate your cars, your Graduation caps, and come ready to have a good time!

We will have music, graduation gifts, and a place for you to take your professional Cap and Gown photos with GradImages, and a place for you to take photos of you in your Cap and Gown with family and friends.

Please note: Due to the schedule, if you plan to have your family and friends in attendance, they must be within the same vehicle as you.

The schedule of the day is dependent on the total number of RSVPs, but below is the tentative schedule of the day:

Last Names A-F: 12:00 pm-12:30 pm
Last Names G-K: 12:30 pm- 1:00 pm
Last Names L-P: 1:00 pm- 1:30 pm
Last Names Q-U: 1:30 pm- 2:00 pm
Last Names V-Z: 2:00 pm- 2:30pm

*To assist with the flow of traffic during the parade, please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your scheduled time.
Students must RSVP to attend the graduation parade via the Full Measure App. Please remember, due to the event’s schedule and limited space, if you plan to have your family and friends in attendance, they must be within the same vehicle as you.

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Grad Parade Instructions
1. Students will enter the campus from the San Felipe Entrance.
2. Faculty and Staff will cheer you as your drive down into Staff Lot 1 and Staff Lot 2.
3. Students will continue along the path, highlighted in Pink above (don’t worry, we’ll have volunteers directing along the way).
4. Once students enter Student Parking Lot 6, there will be a station to obtain your gifts. For Honor Students with a GPA of 3.5+, you will also be able to obtain your honor chords here.
5. Students will continue along the perimeter of Parking Lot 6 before exiting onto Yerba Buena Road.
6. Students and their families who wish to take a group photo with each other may park inside of Parking Lot 8, and take photos either in the amphitheater or near the fountain.
7. For students interested in taking professional photos in their Cap and Gowns, there will be a GradImages Photo Station located near the water fountain near Student Lot 8.
8. Due to social distancing measures, only five families will be able to take photos in these zones at a time. You will have a maximum of five minutes to take photos in these zones before departing out to Yerba Buena Road.
Virtual Grad Ceremony

Complete Your Profile
Smile! It’s Your Graduation Slide!
During the reading of the names, there will be an accompanying slide with each graduate’s information (see example slide below). Follow the directions below to make sure your slide is updated so that we can give you the recognition you deserve.

Step 1: Select your photo. You can either have your photos taken professionally or by a friend. If you have a photo of yourself that you love, that works too!

Step 2: Ensure the photo clearly shows your face. There should be no other people within the photo.

Step 3: Ensure that there are no inappropriate gestures or items within your photo.

Step 4: Review the below examples of uploaded photos from EVC’s Class of 2020

Step 5: Upload your picture to the form below. When you select “Choose a file,” your phone will prompt you to take a photo, choose from the photo library, or browse. Select “Photo library” and then select your picture.

Step 6: Fill out the rest of the questions on the form, and click submit. After submission, get ready to see your slide at commencement!

Example Photos to Upload for Your Slide
See examples of photos from the Class of 2020. Be sure that the images you upload are well lit, clearly show your face, and do not contain other individuals or inappropriate items.

Viewing the Virtual Ceremony
Students will receive a text message from Full Measure App to complete their Graduate profile and RSVP to attend the Grad Drive-Thru Parade and Virtual Ceremony. The day of the commencement ceremony, you will receive another text with the link to view the virtual ceremony. Beginning at 5:00pm, please click on the link within your text to view the virtual ceremony or visit the EVC Homepage and click on the Graduation 2021 tab to begin viewing.
You’re joining the ranks of thousands of others who have completed degree and certificate programs at EVC. Since 1975, we’ve been educating and training San Jose’s workforce. Now, you join them as another elite alum of San Jose’s premier educational institution. Please note that final degrees and certificates are not conferred until the final evaluation of posted grades. This typically takes place over the summer. Students will be contacted in late summer regarding the degree and/or certificate disbursement method.

We’re excited to see where your degree or certificate from EVC takes you from here. We hope that you’ll keep in touch with us.

To become an official member of our Alumni Association, email: EVCAlumni@evc.edu.
Congratulations Graduate!
See you Thursday, May 20, 2021

For questions please email:
Office of Student Life: studentlife@evc.edu
or
Director of Student Development & Activities: raniyah.johnson@evc.edu