

[Pennie Bagley](#)

Greetings, everyone. I'm Dr Bagley, chair of the Accounting Department. On behalf of myself and the entire accounting faculty: Congratulations to the class of 2020 for making it through. You guys did great! We wish you all the best in the future, and remember, you will *always* have a home here at Appalachian. Please come visit us soon and congratulations again!

[Tracy Reed](#)

Congratulations, graduating class of 2020. I'm so proud of you, especially Accounting students. I wish we could be there in person to see you walk across that stage, but since we can't, I'm sending you the heartfelt hug, virtually, and I hope to see you again on campus and give you a real hug and congratulations. I'm so proud of you!

[Lynn Stallworth](#)

Congratulations, Class of 2020 you did it!

[Brandy Hadley](#)

Congratulations Walker College of Business Class of 2020. We are so proud of you. We know you're going to continue to do awesome things. Welcome to the Appalachian alumni family! Go mountaineers!

[Heather Dixon Fowler](#)

Hi. It's Dr. Dixon Fowler, the Department Chair for Management at the College of Business. This is just a quick message for the Appalachian State Walker College of Business Class of 2020 graduates... Congratulations! I know this wasn't the way that you hoped for or planned that things would go for your graduation or your final semester, but yet, here you are. And that showed a lot of determination and grit and perseverance on your part, and you've made it! I know the world needs you. It needs your leadership and creativity, your skills; it needs that grit and determination as you go out into the world... into the workforce... and into the communities in which you live. All those things are needed, more than ever, now So I'll just leave you with a short words of wisdom of Steve Jobs; it's also my dog Ruby's motto in life. Maybe the only one in our household who enjoys quarantine right now. Ruby: tell them what you think. "Stay hungry. Stay FOOLISH!" Walker College of Grads of 2020, stay hungry and foolish and congratulations on your graduation.

[Jesse Pipes](#)

Happy graduation all you seniors. This is Professor Jesse Pipes wanting to wish you a big congratulations and leave you with a few closing thoughts. As you leave Appalachian I want to encourage you to develop a personal framework for growth by always looking outward. Be a shapeless shape. By being boundless you can be your best self. One of my favorite quotes, "nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under my observation in life." I want you to remember that you are more powerful than you think. Keep it all in perspective, become someone who can realize that what we want is to disrupt the status quo, be someone who cares, someone cares enough to see, to

connect, to make change happen. Practice making things personal. If you do this, you will discover the edges are not where we think they are. Our limits are rarely being tested, but this also means that our relationships with those around us whether personal or professional. Be shapeless. Don't try to be a shape like all the other shapes. Be your own shape. You might just discover that standing out isn't such a bad thing. And finally, remember that a vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision with the task is the hope of the world. Alright friends. Here's wishing you all the best on your special day. And always remember that tomorrow is a brand new day that's never been touched!

[Scott Hunsinger](#)

Hi everyone. I'm Dr. Scott Hunsinger; on behalf of AITP and the CIS department, congratulations on graduating, and we look forward to seeing you when you come back up in the future. Way to go!

[Jason Xiong](#)

To all of the class of 2020, I wish you good luck. Congratulations. Life is a very long run. So please keep pushing yourself! Thank you.

[David Dickinson](#)

Hello seniors. This is David Dickinson, I want to wish you all the very best on your graduation and going forward. I hope you're all staying safe and well. I know I had a few of you in one of my classes. I'm grateful for the chance to be a small part of your story here at App State, and I hope that you'll find success going forward, and please keep us up to date as a department so we know how you are all doing! All right, Goodbye.

[Dennis Guignet](#)

Congratulations, Class of 2020 made it. You've worked hard, and you've graduated! I know it's easy to lose sight of these things, given everything that's going on in the world today, but really, make sure you take a minute, sit back and reflect on all of your great accomplishments. You should be proud of yourselves; you've done great things, and you're going to keep doing great things going forward. All the best. Good luck!

[David McEvoy](#)

Congratulations to the Walker College of Business Class of 2020 going out in a bang! Not the ending you had in mind, I'm sure, but an ending, and of course the beginning to what's hopefully a successful career in whatever path you choose. And hopefully you can find a way to do some business for good and make a positive contribution to society, and we hope to see you again, and come back and visit! So again... Congratulations, Class of 2020, and best of luck!

[Jayjit Roy](#)

All right; this is Professor Roy. Don't worry, I'll keep this really short! Congratulations on your graduation! All the best, and what you do after this. Don't forget to enjoy life and try not to worry about things that are beyond your control. All the best.

[Ji Yan](#)

Hello, I'm Ji Yan, Associate Professor of Economics. I'd like to congratulate each of you on your great accomplishment. Your academic contributions and your desire to continuously learn and innovate have been invaluable to the university, and we are grateful for the legacy that you are leaving behind. So as you begin your career, we know you will be well prepared to lead in your perspective fields and continue to plan your solution to the grand challenges facing today's society. We sincerely hope that you have enjoyed your time at ASU, and we cannot wait to see all that you've accomplished after graduation. Congratulations again!

[Chris McNeil](#)

Congratulations, Class of 2020! We certainly wish you the best, and particularly those folks majoring in finance and banking and risk management and insurance. I hope you'll stay in touch with us and wish you the best going forward. So again, congratulations!

[Jamie Parson](#)

Congratulations, Class of 2020 I cannot wait to see how you will continue to positively impact society and establish your legacy. You are thoughtful, innovative and resilient. We are so proud of you! Best wishes on your future endeavors!

[Meredith Church Pipes](#)

Congratulations, graduates! So proud of you. You've worked so hard; you really deserve this. Wish we could say it in person, but this will have to do. Just stay curious, guys, stay kind, explore the world and be a part of the solution. You got this!

[Marty Mezner](#)

My name is Marty misery, and today I'd like to express my great pride, especially in our international business students here at the Walker College of Business. It's been quite a journey for you, you've accomplished so much in this time you've lived abroad... you've learned a foreign language... you've expanded your horizons... you've immerse yourself in another culture... All these are tremendous achievements on top of the regular coursework that you've taken here. Well done. We are very proud of you! We need great global leaders, now more than ever; you're better qualified than most for that role. We know you're going to achieve great things; we know you're going to face a lot of big challenges. We know you're up to the task! Congratulations on what you have done very, very proud of you!

[Erich Schlenker](#)

Congratulations, Class of 2020, from your friends at the Center for Entrepreneurship. Don't forget, the average entrepreneur starts a business 8.75 years after graduation. So when the time comes for you, feel free to give us a call. Appalachian alums are always welcome in the Center for Entrepreneurship. Good luck to everyone. Congratulations!

[Charlie Chen](#)

Congratulations to the MBA graduating class of 2020. My name is Charlie Chen. I'm so excited to see that you are going to show the world you know how to use the business skills that you acquired over your time here at the Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University to solve today's unprecedented business and social problems with your approval, passion, talent and advanced ability that you have been given. As your professor, I'm super confident that you're going to make significant local and global impacts. So, have a wonderful celebration on this achievement in your life, and know that we are so proud of the work that you have done and will do when you go out to set the world with your indispensable MBA skills. I hope the MBA program will be in your hearts and minds as you will always be in ours. Congratulations again. Go APP! Go MBA!

[Tim Forsyth](#)

Hello MBA graduates. I want you to know how proud I am of you, you've made the absolute best of a tough situation. And because of how you've handled this, I'm absolutely certain that you're going to do great things in this world. You all have the ability, you have the knowledge and you have the skills to accomplish whatever you set out to do, and I believe you're going to do really well. So just know: I wish you the absolute best, and I also hope to see you again on campus someday.

[Jim Westerman](#)

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020! You've persevered in real Yosef spirit, and you made it through. You're awesome!

[Jim Stoddard, Dinesh Dave, Lubna Nafees, Bonnie Guy](#)

Hello everybody, I'm Professor Jim Stoddard, the chair of the Marketing and Supply Chain Management Department. I'm just making a quick video to congratulate you all on a successful four-year tenure (or maybe a little bit longer here at Appalachian State University). So congratulations to all the marketing and supply chain management majors. I hope you get a job and make lots of money! Take care, Bye.

I am Dr. Dinesh Dave. Dear supply chain graduates: Congratulations for your great accomplishments, and, on behalf of the supply chain faculty: we are very proud of your accomplishments, and we wish you all the best for your future careers. Please know that we are always here to provide any guidance and assistance. Best wishes, to all!

Hello everyone! I am Dr. Lubna Nafees from the Marketing and Supply Chain Management department. On behalf of the digital marketing team, I want to congratulate all those graduating today! All the best in your future endeavors. May the Force be with you!

This is Dr. Bonnie Guy, director of the professional selling program. Today I extend my congratulations to all the spring 2020 graduates for achieving your degrees and for persevering through a semester. None of us envisioned the day it began. To my sales students: it's been my great privilege to see and participate in your growth. You've made us proud, and I know you'll

continue to make us proud. Please stay in touch, and always remember, it's great to be a mountaineer. Go Apps!

[Richard Sparks](#)

Hi. I want to take just a moment to congratulate you on completing all of your requirements for graduation from the Graduate Studies Program at the Walker College of Business. It's been my pleasure, and it's been most enjoyable for me to get to meet you, know you and work with you for the past year or so. You are going to do great things in the days ahead, and I look forward to keeping track of you - to see all the many accomplishments that you will achieve. Again, best of luck. Congratulations!

[Lakshmi Iyer](#)

Congratulations graduates! Well done - I am so proud of your accomplishment. As they say – tough times don't last – tough people do. So, take this moment with pride and joy – you deserve it. I know you will be doing amazing things. Please do stay in touch. While I miss hooding you now, I look forward to doing so this December. So see you back on campus soon. God Speed!

[Sirisha Karra](#)

Good morning, and thank you to our chancellor Dean esteemed faculty friends and family for gathering here today. But most importantly, congratulations to our 2020 graduates.

I'm absolutely honored to be given the opportunity to be a student speaker at our commencement ceremony this year. I wanted to start off by saying that I hope everyone is safe, well, and healthy as we sit here today. My heart goes out to those that have been affected by this global pandemic. What a time we live in today.

I know that this moment has been a dream for all of us. From the moment we started elementary school, the moment we started Middle School, and the moment we graduated high school and accepted our invitation to study at Appalachian State University. And now we are home practicing or social distancing as good citizens of the community, while probably wearing our pajamas on our living room floor. I know that this was probably not the dream. This is probably not what we expected when we started our first class freshman year of college. While I'm in the same shoes as every single one of you. Let me pose a thought...

Society says that graduation is deemed by walking across the stage. Society says that graduation is sitting in our Holmes Convocation Center. Society says that graduation is receiving a diploma cover with no real diploma. But what does graduation mean to you? The only constant in our world is change. A few wise professors told me that our whole lives all we have been trained and geared to do is collect the dots. We collect our grades, move on to the next semester, move on to our next year, receive our diploma, check, check, check. But what meaning, does that hold? We have trained our next generation of educators, peacemakers, business professionals, CEOs, political leaders and innovators in these four years to not collect the dots, but connect the dots. The time we are in right now is going down in history, and what

are you doing about it? How are *you* connecting the dots to help our future generations thrive in our world? Now is not the time for us to lament, but rather use our knowledge and heart to fight for a world that we would want to live in that we would want our kids to live in. This pandemic is nothing short but the greatest lesson that no friend, no professor, no university can teach us. We are experiencing how you can either resist change or embrace it and move forward. I'm so proud to know and I'm confident in the fact that everyone that is hearing this message right now is about to create an everlasting change in this world. These are the times when our generation is needed most. Take a moment to realize that we have made a huge step in our lives by graduating college. Now is the time to start thinking about how we can build a better future.

Congratulations, once again, to our 2020 graduating class. And, as always, Roll 'Neers!