

With the pandemic, why was it important to have a celebration for our graduates?

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So we wanted to celebrate the class of 2020, because this is the class of students who really are going to feel the impact of COVID-19 as they begin their early days of practice, and most individuals may not realize that that a Health Sciences Center education is the culmination of many many years of work and sacrifice some of these students begin preparing for these careers in this educational and clinical experience from their high school days. And so we felt it was very important to honor that to recognize that and also send them off into the communities where they're going to serve knowing that we're behind them. They're ready, and they're going to do a great job.

What message would you like to tell the graduates?

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We've been telling the graduates, you're ready, and you're competently prepared, and you've been practicing your values that are part of our Health Sciences Center here. And we know that you're ready to go into your communities into your resonances into your experiences that are gonna allow you to set for your certification and your licensure, we would not be sending you out unless we knew that you were ready to go practice and serve. So we're confident. And we know that you're going to make a tremendous impact out there.

What would you want our communities to know about the quality of our graduates?

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I want our communities to know that our graduates are very, very highly sought after. We have employers who tell us all the time because we survey them, that when they have a choice to hire a Texas Tech Health Sciences Center graduate compared to graduates of other universities, they always pick the Health Sciences Center graduate, because they know that they are very well prepared, and they are very values driven, and that they're going to make exceptional practitioners, or researchers in their communities. And so we're very proud of our graduates, we produce the most graduates of any health related institution in Texas, and our graduates are very high quality.