



BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2020

Commencement

WELCOME



This evening, we proudly gather to honor and congratulate our 2020 graduates for their steadfast dedication, achievements and successes during this pandemic time.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I welcome you to our very first virtual ceremony, during which we honor degree, certificate, GED and High School diploma recipients.

Each year, more than 700 students complete their education at the college and move on to careers in their chosen fields. Annually, we serve nearly 3,000 career training students and 5,000 more community members in programs such as Continuing Education, Child Studies, Technical High School, and others.

Tonight, we are honored to host Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards as our keynote speaker. We will watch a brief video message from our faculty, and Katie Say, Certified Medical Assistant graduate, will represent the class of 2020 as student speaker.

Thank you for joining us in this virtual setting as we share in the celebration of achievements and successes of our graduates.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lin Zhou'.

Dr. Lin Zhou
President

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PROGRAM

Welcome

Steve Ashpole, Vice President
Student Services

Pledge of Allegiance

Ian Karnas, VP of Central Campus
Associated Student Government

Star Spangled Banner

Treonna Lee, Technical High School
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Board of Trustees Welcome

Trustees Christina Blocker (Chair),
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and Layne Bladow

Faculty Video

Produced by Digital Media faculty

Student Speaker

Katherine (Katie) Say, Graduate
Certified Medical Assistant

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Lin Zhou, President
Bates Technical College

Commencement Address

Victoria Woodards, Mayor
City of Tacoma

Presentation of Awards

Certification of Graduates

Valerie Martinez, Vice President
Instruction

Presentation of Graduates

Christina Blocker, Chair
Board of Trustees

Closing

Steve Ashpole, Vice President
Student Services

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Graduates wear traditional academic attire during the commencement ceremony. Official Bates Technical College regalia includes a gown, cap, and tassel.

Graduates wear a blue tassel. The gown color identifies the college's color. Graduates who are veterans add red, white and blue honor cords to their commencement regalia.

Faculty and staff gowns, hoods, and caps also offer symbolism.

For all degrees, the mortarboard is the traditional cap, with a tassel hanging to the left side.

Honors

Graduates who wear a gold stole along with a blue and gold honor cord are members of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

These graduates also wear a gold tassel and a key medallion suspended from a royal blue cord. The color gold signifies purity, and the color blue denotes scholarship.

In this program, a caret (^) symbol will appear after the names of the graduates who are members of the PTK honor society.

Veteran Recognition and Challenge Coin

The college awards a unique Challenge Coin to welcome veteran students to the college; to assist transitioning students with the change from military to civilian life; to signify veteran achievements; and to honor veterans for their college-related work.

At the discretion of the Bates Technical College President and the Veterans Committee, the coin is awarded for special recognition of achievements, including graduation from Bates.

The heavy double-sided medallion displays the college's bobcat mascot, digital camouflage, the American flag, and silhouettes of a female and male member of the armed forces.

In this program, an asterisk (*) symbol will appear after the names of the graduates who indicated veteran status on their commencement application.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Keynote Speaker Mayor Victoria Woodards



Victoria Woodards has called the “City of Destiny” her home for nearly her entire life. She is a proud graduate of Tacoma’s Lincoln High School and served as a soldier in the United States Army. Before becoming Mayor in 2018, she served for seven years as an at-large member of the City Council. During that time, she launched the City’s Equity and Empowerment initiative which led to the establishment of its Office of Equity and Human Rights. She also brought partner organizations together for then President Barack Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper initiative and spearheaded the City’s Project PEACE initiative which bridged community members with the Tacoma Police Department.

Demonstrating a lifelong track record of public service, Mayor Woodards has served as president of the Tacoma Urban League and as director of community development for the Tacoma Rainiers.

Her past civic engagement work has also included leadership positions with the Tacoma Metropolitan Parks Board, the Washington State History Museum, and the Washington State Commission of African American Affairs.

Keynote Speaker Katherine Say



Katherine (Katie) Say, Certified Medical Assistant graduate and a mother of two young girls, was a stay-at-home mom when she decided she wanted to pursue a career in health care. “I have been through quite a bit in the past 10 years and have become stronger and a more dedicated person with every challenge and tribulation I have gone through,” said Katie. Becoming a Bates Technical College graduate, she said, has been one of her biggest accomplishments—in addition to being named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists. The CMA program has opened several doors and bolstered her desire to pursue an RN in midwifery. “I am extremely grateful for the opportunities the medical assisting program and my work-study position in student services has provided.” Currently, the Tacoma native works full time at MultiCare.

Special Acknowledgements

For their special contributions to this evening’s commencement ceremony, Bates Technical College would like to acknowledge and thank:

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Nicholas Gill
Shaylan E Nugent

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Bobby Dely
Daylen Frost
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Lance A Jeffries
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Barber

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Ziavon Cole
Jayce D Coreas
Alan L Dautz
Tyler Goldner
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Marcelino Guieb
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Jacob Henson
Nick Horsley
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