



Editorial UEI Graduation July 10, 2020

Nationwide, we are still trying to figure out normality through our society with COVID-19 effecting the lives of everyone. However, despite these uncertain times, we stood proudly and resiliently to celebrate our UEI Class of 2020!

Families who missed the pomp and circumstance of their college graduates found new ways to mark their milestones and celebrate students who worked hard to complete their certification. Our students worked day in and day out to start a new career in the medical field and other strong fields with high demand. The cancellation of traditional commencements gave families with multiple graduate's opportunities to celebrate in new ways. Campus President, Jackie Azizyan, who helped plan the school graduation ceremony, said, "As educators, we need to be creative and work with students to see how we can motivate them and celebrate them as the pandemic prevented a normal graduation. The happiness of our students is our top priority and we strive to consistently make each and everyone feel special on their joyous milestone."

With our community partner West Val Pharmacy's Parking lot, UEI conducted a drive-thru graduation on the evening of July 10, 2020. Many schools have canceled or postponed traditional graduation ceremonies to avoid worsening the spread of coronavirus. We knew we had to be creative, ensuring safety for our faculty and students, while also providing student's a fun time they would never forget. We had a very successful celebration where we recognized the many accomplishments of our Class of 2020s!

UEI had a very successful graduation ceremony that provided students with caps and gowns, live music, and an energetic ambiance. Students were surrounded by parents, siblings and grandparents whom were invited to celebrate their graduates on their special day. Our persistence during this pandemic allowed us to come together, put smiles on the faces of many and stand strong as a community.

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