Distinguished Queens College alumnus and U.S. Congressman Adriano Espaillat was scheduled to be the 2020 Commencement speaker. Queens College is hopeful he will be able to join our graduates to speak at a future date when health circumstances permit. Since he could not physically be there to celebrate, he graciously wanted to share this letter of warmest congratulations with the Class of 2020.

A MESSAGE FROM U.S. CONGRESSMEMBER

Adriano Espaillat

Dear 2020 Graduates of Queens College:

Congratulations for the enormous accomplishment of completing a distinguished bachelor’s program. As a graduate of Queens College, I can attest to the rigorous nature of the school’s academic programs. My time at Queens College served as a foundation for my career as a public servant, equipping me with the skills and knowledge necessary to help persons of all backgrounds thrive and achieve the American dream.

Even more important than coursework is the spirit of the Queens College motto, “we learn so that we may serve,” which embodies the lessons of compassion and self-discipline conveyed throughout our future careers, studies, and personal lives.

During these challenging times, the innovation and industriousness of your generation will revitalize our communities and economy. Your education at Queens College prepares you to thrive in the next steps of your lives—be it in a new career, a role in public service, or the beginnings of higher education.

Congratulations on your educational achievement and graduation. Your next endeavors are without limits, and I look forward to celebrating your achievements in person once the worst of this pandemic is behind us.

Sincerely,

Adriano Espaillat
U.S. House of Representatives
New York’s 13th Congressional District