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## **VCCCD Celebrates Class of 2021 Graduates**

Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura c

(CAMARILLO, Calif.) May 21, 2021 Not even a pandemic could stop this Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura colleges from pursuing and achieving their educational goals. In recognition of what these resilient students have accomplished, the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) leadership collaborated with its three colleges to celebrate the 5,370 students in the class of 2021 who have earned their degrees or certificates.

Festive Drive-Thru Graduations were held on May 20 at College East Campus in Santa Paula.

hold a special honor for their persistence in completing their education when most of their classes were remote s become VCCCD alumni, they are well-prepared for their next steps of a career or transferring to a four-year college or university.

The board of trustees recognizes the successes of the class of 2021 graduates

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Congratulations to Moorpark College graduates who have been resilient in the face of a global pandemic and reckoning with social justice; they have also committed to academic and career that the class of 2021

has earned 3,209 degrees and 1,535 certificates. They will transfer to top research universities as well as obtain careers in high-demand, high-wage industries. Moorpark College degrees and certificates offer graduates pathways to economic prosperity. Some will earn the promotion that motivated them to return to college. They are the future of our county, region, state

This past year has been devastating for higher education. Yet, in the face of a global pandemic, a concomitant economic abyss that shuttered thousands of businesses, a toxic political environment which spawned an unimaginable insurrection at the napitol, and a wave of racist violence that brought our dream of unity and fellowship to its knees, a uniquely resilient cohort of students persisted with their education, most of which was online, and earned the right to graduate this month. These graduates are the very promise of America, and their grit keeps us hopeful that all of the calamities of the past year and the many other challenges our nation faces

College celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> year of providing high-quality, affordab