Honoring the Class of 2020
| College of Engineering

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– Dr. Jagath Kaluarachchi
Dean of the College of Engineering

You’ve accomplished something extraordinary. By persevering through years of challenging work and training, you have earned one of the most versatile and valuable college degrees. In the last few months, you have shown tremendous agility in navigating an unprecedented public health crisis while completing a rigorous academic program and senior capstone requirements. You overcame this difficult hurdle, demonstrating the highest level of dedication and professionalism and accomplishing what no other class has done before. With your education and skillset from the College of Engineering, you are uniquely qualified to take on what comes next. You will enter an engineering workforce that is markedly different, and you will face new and complex engineering challenges to benefit society. To each of you, we offer our warmest congratulations and best wishes for an incredibly bright future ahead. Congratulations. Go, Aggies!

– Thomas Bradshaw
class of 2020 Valedictorian

Thomas grew up in Gorham, Maine. He’s a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, which he maintained for four years with a 4.0 GPA. Thomas has interned with Sandia National Laboratory and IBM. For his academic excellence, research experience, internships, and work experience, he was named the 2019-2020 Electrical and Computer Engineering Outstanding Senior. He has been a member and leader of Engineering Council for four years and most recently served as president of Engineering Council. He has reorganized the leadership and financial structures of the council, implemented new training for council leadership, and oversaw all sponsored activities and events including the annual Engineers Week celebration. Thomas has also served as an Engineering Ambassador and as vice president of the USU collegiate chapter of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers, known as IEEE.

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Dr. Keith Roper, Head of Biological Engineering

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Graduating seniors:

Congratulations Biological Engineering Class of 2020! # You came with a dream to make a difference through engineering biology. Today you leave with a valued degree, a hands-on skill set, and a network of colleagues to launch your life’s ambition! You adapted to an unprecedented COVID-19 challenge with new ways to learn, interact and communicate on-line. # Move forward boldly, with confidence in your abilities, the assurance of having overcome, and eyes firmly fixed on the future you aim to see in the world!

Graduating graduate students:

Congratulations 2020 graduates from the Department of Biological Engineering! # You came with a dream to make a difference through engineering biology. # Today you leave with a nationally recognized degree, world-class research capabilities, and a network of mentors and peers to propel you to tackle the most challenging problems! # You persevered through challenges and setbacks in research and an unprecedented COVID-19 scenario learning new ways to think and collaborate. Move forward boldly — with confidence in your abilities, the assurance of having overcome, and eyes firmly fixed on the future you aim to see in the world!

Dr. Laurie McNeill, Interim Head of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Wow! # This has been the most extraordinary semester. # I am so proud of how the CEE Class of 2020 has responded to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, and I am confident you will continue to persevere. # On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, CONGRATULATIONS on a strong finish and a job well done. # Engineers are essential, so stay safe and GO AGGIES!

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Dr. Jake Gunther, Head of Electrical and Computer Engineering

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On behalf of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, I extend heartfelt congratulations to each graduate in the class of 2020! Over the last few years you have undergone a transformation to become an engineer possessing valuable knowledge and skills. This metamorphosis could only happen through sacrifice, discipline, and dedicated, relentless effort. These qualities, which have brought you to graduation, will drive you forward to greater milestones in your life. We also recognize and express appreciation to families and faithful friends who have supported and encouraged believed in our graduates. Best wishes for a bright future!

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Dr. Ning Fang, Head of Department of Engineering Education

The Department of Engineering Education congratulates three graduate students for their successful completion in our Engineering Education Ph.D. program. They are Ryan Barlow and Yuzhen Luo whose Faculty Advisor is Dr. Kurt Becker, and Kate Youmans whose Faculty Advisor is Dr. Idalis Villanueva. Since joining our Ph.D. program, they have been working diligently on various research projects in the area of engineering education and have made important research findings to promote and improve engineering education in both K-12 and higher education institutions. The Department wishes them all the best in their future career development.

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Dr. Zhongquan “Charlie” Zheng, Head of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Congratulations to all of you, Class 2020! From now on, whether the road in front of you will be easier or more difficult, you have walked a big step forward. What you have achieved is a significant milestone in your life, particularly under such a challenging global circumstance. It reminds me of what Winston Churchill said: “... it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning!” Way to Go!

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