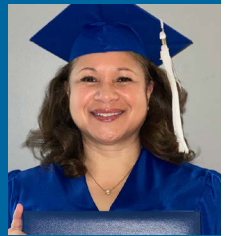




Virtual Graduation Ceremony
Honoring Recipients of the
**Illinois High School
Equivalency Certificate**

Elgin Community College
May 21, 2021



**THIS SEMESTER, MORE THAN
916 STUDENTS REACHED THEIR
EDUCATIONAL GOALS
AT ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
JOINING THOUSANDS OF ALUMNI
ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS.**

**WE HONOR THEM—
AND THEIR SUPPORTERS—
FOR BEING ROLE MODELS
FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**

Elgin Community College is among the nation's top 150 community colleges for 2021, designated by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program.



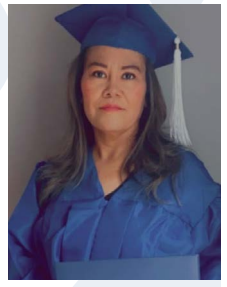
The **mission** of Elgin Community College is to **improve** people's **lives through learning.**

VISION

We will pursue our mission by focusing all our efforts on making Elgin Community College a national leader in promoting success for all students. This vision will be attained through a commitment to provide innovative and affordable learning opportunities for all constituencies and to promote cultural competence and community partnership in our decisions and actions.

PHILOSOPHY

Learning is the primary driver behind our mission and vision. We believe learning is a lifelong process of intellectual and interpersonal growth that occurs when individuals expand their depth of knowledge, skills, and experiences. We further believe that learning empowers individuals to improve their lives and the economic, social, and cultural conditions of local and global communities.



SHARED VALUES

Excellence

Our programs and services strive for the highest level of excellence to successfully achieve our vision. We use research-based methods to strengthen curriculum and deliver high-quality learning-centered instruction and services.

Freedom of Inquiry

We believe learning is most engaging and viable when a spirit of free inquiry exists, allowing everyone the freedom to explore new and diverse ideas and to express their interests and attitudes. We strive to create environments where inquiry flourishes and guides innovation.

Equity

We are an inclusive community that provides students, employees, and community members with full access to all resources needed to achieve their individual goals. We commit to creating an environment that is equitable and inclusive to all.

Diversity

We value and honor diversity in all forms and perspectives. To successfully achieve our vision, we provide a safe and inclusive community that promotes and affirms individual growth, social responsibility, and self-worth for success in a global world.

Ethical Practices

We are responsible to carry out our work with honesty and integrity. Our decisions and actions are guided by our vision and not by personal interests, and they will be enacted with a sense of service to students and community members.

Accountability

As a public institution we commit to make the best use of resources. We strive to be transparent in reporting our decisions and actions and seek feedback from others as we continuously improve our practices.

Collaboration

We are actively committed to serving students, employees, and communities. The decisions and actions we undertake in carrying out our vision derive from working cooperatively with local through global constituencies.

To Our Graduates

Graduation is only a concept.
In real life every day you graduate.
Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life.

If you can grasp that,
you'll make a difference.

—Arie Pencovici

ORDER OF CEREMONY

MUSICAL PRELUDE	Horizon Brass Quintet Bruce Daugherty, Director
PROCESSIONAL	Led by Sally Guy, MEd Professor of Adult Basic Education “Pomp and Circumstance”—Edward Elgar
WELCOME	Peggy Heinrich, EdD Vice President of Teaching, Learning, and Student Development
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	David Sam, PhD, JD, LLM President
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS	Peggy Heinrich
2020	2021
Julio Lopez	Maritza Garcia
Timur Turkmen	Natasha Holcomb
Darian Wellnitz	Freddie Torres
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Peggy Heinrich
STUDENT SPEAKER	Juan Chavez Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate recipient, Class of 2018
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES	President David Sam Reader: Peggy Heinrich
CONGRATULATORY REMARKS	Gregory Robinson, PhD Associate Vice President of Student Services and Development / Dean of Students
RECESSIONAL	Led by Sally Guy “Pomp and Circumstance”—Edward Elgar

ECC strives to include the names of all graduates up until the time of printing.
We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Recipients of the Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate

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Flor Benetiz
Rosalba Cruz
Erica Curlin
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Tiffany Jusino DeJesus
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Yamlin Fuentes
Andres Galvez-Rios
Irma Chavez Garcia
Surgey Landa-Capistran
Angela Lehmann
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Olivia Ortiz
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Thitichon Rudnik
Marco Ruiz
Williams Sanchez
Gianna Shaw-Smith
Jaime Loya Solorio
Timur Turkmen
Jessica Valle
Berenice Arizmendi Vasquez
Laura Vences
Darian Wellnitz

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Sandra Estela
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Tiffany Jusino de Jesus
Michele Lam
Brandon Lopez
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Nancy Perez
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Isaac Reynolds
Judah Reynolds
Kevin Rick
Iris Baron Ruiz
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Paulino Sanchez
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Emanuel Vega
Victor Vilchez
Jessica Villaneda
Maria Villegas

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Alaa Arif
Laura Azcoitia
Julie Cesaroni
Lisa Del Giudice
Sharon Doss
Amber Fornaciari
Lisa Galanes

Sally Guy
Shelley Johnson
Mal Keenan
Michelle Kelty
Amy Keslinke
Sonia Kesner
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