



PROUD OF OUR “CRUSH” GRADUATES

In-person, multi-day commencements were held May 20 through May 22 in the Open Computer Lab at Clovis Community College. Nearly 300 graduates from the class of 2020 and 2021 participated in the ceremonies. Students selected their ceremony day and time to walk across the stage in their cap and gown and receive their diploma from President Dr. Lori Bennett and a special 2020-2021 commencement cord. Each student brought four guests with them to celebrate. Appointment times were spread out to allow for social distancing. Administrators, faculty, and staff also selected appointment times to participate to cheer on the graduates. Thank you to our amazing team for working day and night to make this special commencement celebration possible. [Watch](#) the commencement story that aired on KSEE24/CSB47.



PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF DISTINCTION HONOREES FOR 2020 AND 2021

The President's Medal is given to a student who has demonstrated leadership at the college, given back to the college or community, and still maintained high academic achievement during their time at Clovis Community College.



Diana Flores
Class of 2021

Diana has been serving Clovis Community College as our student trustee. Her leadership role began in the fall of 2018 when she became a senator. Last year, she was inducted as the first Clovis Community College student trustee to serve on the State Center Community College District (SCCCD) Board of Trustees. In this role, she has served on multiple committees and her voice represented thousands of students across SCCCD. Diana is

a first-generation student graduating with a 3.4 GPA and will transfer to Fresno State to pursue a degree in psychology.



Paulette Evans
Class of 2020

Paulette graduated from Clovis Community College in 2020 with a 3.9 GPA. Not only was she an outstanding student, but Paulette also served the college in her role as a student ambassador. She was involved in many innovative projects when the pandemic started, including YouTube videos that helped inform students how to virtually transition to online learning. The barriers in her life, that she continues to overcome, are now

a part of her testimony that she has been sharing with other students to help them achieve their educational goals. She is an amazing role model! She transferred to the University of North Texas where she is pursuing a degree in mathematics.



DEAN'S MEDAL OF DISTINCTION HONOREES FOR 2020 AND 2021

[Read the bios](#) for the Dean's Medal of Distinction Honorees, including how Mr. Chali Lee overcame the 1.15% transfer rate and was accepted to **Stanford University**. The Dean's Medal of Distinction is given to one graduating student from each division who has distinguished themselves by their perseverance, the quality of their work, and their positive impact on the campus.

Dean's Medal of Distinction

Class of 2020



Thong M. Dinh



Jyotpreet Kaur



Raymond G. Lara



Eseosa M. Otasowie



Eileen Situ

Class of 2021



Bryan S. Carter



Chali Lee



Ciannah Moreno



Nicholas C. Muia



Mayra M. Zamudio



CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT DR. BENNETT

President Dr. Lori Bennett earned the Clovis Chamber of Commerce 2021 Board Director of the Year award at the annual Salute to Business Awards event on May 6. She was recognized for her outstanding service, leadership, and contributions to the Clovis Chamber of Commerce. [View](#) the digital program, [watch](#) the replay of the event, and [read](#) the Clovis Roundup article.

