

This 41st *From the Dean's Desk* is a special message to our summer graduates, our Rosen Knights.

As you leave UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management and chart your course for the future, it is evident that you will be facing a path less travelled. Coronavirus COVID-19 has changed the trajectory of your career but there is still much to be hopeful about. While hospitality, tourism, events, entertainment, attractions, restaurant and foodservice management, have all evolved, your skills and talents are applicable in your chosen industry and many others. Seek them out. Do not be discouraged if your dreams and expectations don't materialize the way you expected. Adapt and be resilient, for the world needs the future leaders of the hospitality industry to help us recover our desire for fun, excitement, relaxation, travel and more.



Your senior year at Rosen College was one of wearing face coverings, quarantining, isolation, physical distancing, online courses and stay-at-home orders. It was also one where you could proudly tell everyone you know that you attended and are graduating from the #1 hospitality and tourism college in the nation, #2 in the world. You can be proud of your education, learning from some of the best hospitality educators from all around the globe, and being supported by a staff that worked tirelessly for your success.

As you become an AlumKnight know that we, the leadership team at Rosen College together with faculty and staff members, applaud your accomplishments. You're a graduate! You have earned your Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Ph.D. degree. The world awaits you. Make your mark and take up the challenge to restore the industries that bring the world together.

Class of 2020, we are extremely proud of you! So farewell for now and I look forward to engaging with you as a Knights alum in the future!

Go Knights! Charge On!

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