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- Hello, it's a great pleasure to say hello to you again, the Class of 2020. We have put together this website for you so that you can have an opportunity to continue to celebrate your achievement as an extraordinary class that finished your academic year at the height of the pandemic back in April of 2020.

And I hope that this website will bring back memories and also make you feel, again, proud to be Acadia graduates, and also to help you to look forward to the time when you can come back to campus and we can celebrate your graduation in true Acadia style.

And one of the things that we're doing this year is to recognize the extraordinary individuals who we are going to be granting honorary degrees as members of the Class of 2020.

And so, on this website, you're going to see some messages from some very inspiring people. And I hope these individuals do inspire you as you continue with your lives. And you can see what incredible achievements that they have done, and they will help guide you to make the kind of mark that you can make on the world as well.

And so, I have the great pleasure of presenting to you a number of individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the Academy or to society, and whose accomplishments, leadership, and community service are deemed to be extraordinary and worthy of the recognition of an honoris causa, which means for the sake of the honour.

Their actions are believed to reflect an appropriate standard of excellence that is consistent with the values and the spirit of Acadia University. And we are delighted to provide and present the honorary degrees to the following candidates.

So, the 2020 honorary degree recipients are: The Honorable Scott Brison, PC, Doctor of Civil Laws honoris causa. Diane Campbell, Doctor of Civil Laws honoris causa. Connie Eaves, Doctor of Science honoris causa. Raymond E. Ivany, Doctor of Civil Laws honoris causa. Terry Hennigar, Doctor of Science honoris causa. And the Reverend Dr. Gary V. Nelson, the recipient of the Acadia Divinity College who receives the Doctor of Divinity honoris causa.

As I said, these are wonderful individuals, and I know you will enjoy listening to their messages of support and encouragement to you. They now join you as the class of 2020. So, I hope things are going well in your lives. We look forward to having you back on campus. And I particularly look forward to being able to celebrate your convocation ceremony at your first alumni reunion.

All the best to you and enjoy this website. With lots of love, best wishes, and encouragement from your alma mater, Acadia University. Thank you.