



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on earning your degree from Pasco-Hernando State College. Having a great education will help you build a great career and will create opportunities for you to pursue the American Dream. Across our state, opportunities are growing for Florida families, and I wish you all the best as you work to achieve your goals.

My goal as Governor is to make Florida the global destination for jobs, and I know that Florida's strong higher education system is essential to achieving that goal. I am proud that since 2011, state funding for our state colleges has increased by nearly \$200 million. In fact, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Florida the best state in the nation for higher education for the second year in a row.

Florida's economy is booming, and I am proud of our hard work over the past seven years to grow the economy, invest in education, protect the environment and keep our families safe. To ensure Florida's colleges focus on helping students get jobs, I challenged all state colleges to participate in my "Ready, Set, Work" Challenge by graduating 100 percent of their full-time students to attend a four-year university or get a job that leads to a great career. Meeting this challenge will help diversify our economy and ensure we have the most skilled workforce.

With more than 250,000 job openings advertised online in our state, I encourage you to explore the online job listings at Employ Florida Marketplace, employflorida.com, to help you find great job opportunities here in Florida. This website works directly with Florida businesses to connect candidates with employers. For in-person assistance, visit careersourceflorida.com to locate your local career center, learn more about job openings, and receive resume and interviewing help, along with many other services.

We've made record investments to secure Florida's future and ensure the prosperity of Florida families for generations to come. Again, congratulations on earning your degree, and I encourage you to pursue your dreams in Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor