Congratulations to the Memorial University 2020 Graduating Class!

Graduation is one of the most exciting times in a student's life. It is when it all comes together. When you can finally pat yourself on the back and say "mission accomplished" before heading off into the next phase of your life.

But this year, things were different. The pandemic changed everything. Yet, despite the hardship and the uncertainty, you rose to the challenge, found creative ways to remain connected, finished your classes online and made the best out of a difficult situation.

You should be very proud of yourselves.

No matter what path you decide to follow, I want you to know that the future of this country belongs to you. You are the ones who will shape the years to come. Get involved in your community and in society. Stay open to new ideas, look after others, especially those less fortunate, and take care of the planet. Have passion, vision and opinions.

Believe me, you can accomplish anything with a bit of effort. So dare to dream!

Best of luck in your future endeavours!

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette
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