

MESSAGES TO OUR BLACK SCHOLARS

Dear Black Scholars,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have accomplished something great with your time here at UC Riverside. You have finally completed every requirement, attended every class, submitted every assignment, and to top it all off, you excelled at it all through a world-wide pandemic. You deserve every amount of praise and admiration. You all have the strength, the courage, the heart, and the power to go out into this challenging world and leave your unique mark on it. I can't wait to see it.

Know that wherever your journey takes you...you will forever be a Highlander and have a home here in ASP and at UCR. I encourage you to stay connected to your UCR community throughout your personal journeys, as the relationships and networks that you've built here will always be valuable. As you transition from students to recent graduates, I also encourage you to connect with the UCR Black Alumni Chapter. The resources, networks, and relationships that you will find there are limitless.

Myself, and every member of BFASA, are SO PROUD of each and every one of you. There is nothing you can't accomplish and we wish you all the very best on your future endeavors. I expect to see great things from you.

Congratulations, graduating class of 2021! YOU are our ancestor's wildest dreams.

Warmest Regards,

Chanel Parrish

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