RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on reaching the milestone of completing your college degree from Eastern Florida State College. Your choice to work toward this goal is certain to open opportunities for you to pursue your version of the American dream. Across our state, opportunities are growing for Florida families, and your decision to gain a college degree empowers you to fully participate in those opportunities.

My top priority as Governor is making sure Florida families have the opportunity to get a great job and have access to a quality education. Growing up, setting goals and working hard to achieve them was key for me. I started school while living in public housing, and my parents struggled financially. I attended community college, joined the U.S. Navy, and afterward, completed my college degree and law school. My education and experience enabled me to practice law, buy a small business (a donut shop) for $7,500, and use what I learned to build successful companies.

As Governor, I am working to ensure that Florida's colleges and universities are focused on helping students get jobs. The positive trends we are seeing in our state's economy and private-sector job creation show that Florida is creating an opportunity economy where dynamic, growing industries create jobs and careers for future generations.

To help you find great job opportunities here in Florida, I encourage you explore the online job listings in Employ Florida Marketplace, www.employflorida.com. With more than 260,000 openings advertised online in our state, this one-stop job exchange helps connect quality 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.

I encourage you to envision big dreams as you pursue success and look forward to your adding to the vitality of our great state.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor