



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

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Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on earning your degree from Eastern Florida State College. Your choice to work toward this goal will open opportunities for you to pursue the American dream. Across our state, opportunities are growing for Florida families, and having a great education will help you build a great career.

My goal as Governor is to make Florida first for jobs. Since December 2010, we have created more than 1.2 million jobs while making higher education more affordable, and creating greater transparency and accountability. We are on a mission to further diversify our economy so Floridians have the opportunity to get a great job. Having grown up in a family that struggled to make ends meet, I know the importance of each and every family having an opportunity.

As Governor, I am working to ensure that Florida's colleges and universities are focused on helping students get jobs. I have challenged all state colleges to participate in my "Ready, Set, Work" Challenge by aiming to graduate 100 percent of their full-time students. Meeting this challenge will help diversify our economy and ensure we have the most skilled workforce.

To help you find great job opportunities here in Florida, I encourage you to explore the online job listings in Employ Florida Marketplace, [employflorida.com](http://employflorida.com). With nearly 300,000 job openings advertised online in our state, this works directly with Florida businesses to connect candidates with employers. For in-person assistance, visit [careersourceflorida.com](http://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 pursue your dreams in Florida.

Sincerely,

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

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Governor