Congratulations to all the graduates, once again!! Your hard work has finally paid off. Also, congratulations and appreciation to all their families and friends!! This day would not have been possible without your support. Thank you!

I will be reading the names of the graduate students who will be receiving their degree at this ceremony. Our graduate programs in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department offer the Master of Science and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees in both Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Engineering.

To be granted the Master’s Degree, the student must complete 30 credit hours beyond the 4 year Bachelor’s program, including an in-depth thesis or independent project. The Doctor of Philosophy degree requires 72 credit hours of coursework beyond the Bachelor’s degree plus a comprehensive dissertation on an original research topic. Officially, there are currently 397 graduate students in our department this semester. This graduate student body consists of approximately 150 PhD students and 250 MS students.

Today, 5 PhD and 48 MS students will receive their diplomas from the Spring 2020 graduation; 7 PhD and 12 MS students will receive their diplomas from the Summer 2020 graduation; and 9 PhD and 38 MS students will receive their diplomas from the Fall 2020 graduation. Understandably, many of them were unable to attend this ceremony. We will start with the PhD diplomas followed by MS diplomas...

Congratulations again to these graduate students. I will now pass the floor on to Cheryl Tran, the Director of Undergraduate programs.