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## **Triton College Commencement Ceremony Honors Graduates**

Graduation Held at Rosemont Theatre



RIVER GROVE, III. – Blue skies and warm weather greeted Triton College graduates along with friends and family alike at Triton's 2023 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 20.

Held at the Rosemont Theatre, over 420 graduates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas.

The Commencement Ceremony began with Heidi Reinhofer singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

Triton administrators, including Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore and Dr. Susan Campos, vice president of Academic Affairs, gave remarks along with Diane Viverito, vice chairwoman of the Triton College Board of Trustees.

"What you have learned during your time at Triton College will help you make good decisions," said President Moore. "Remember, college has been a very important step toward setting the course for life and learning. As you go on to pursue other endeavors with your Triton education, I want you to know that you are part of our community and will always have a home at Triton College."

Those in the audience were moved by the recognition of all graduating veterans by Dr. Jodi Koslow Martin, vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

"Veterans, we salute you. Your service is a testament of courage," she said. "You are part of an honorable group of men and women who have chosen to serve this country."

The program also consisted of a reflection by Triton College Student Association (TCSA) President Whitney Romero. Besides serving as president for TCSA, Romero was also a peer mentor, student leader and an orientation leader.

"I hope I can inspire others to take on leadership roles in their community," he said.

The commencement ended with a video presentation highlighting several students and their accomplishments throughout the school year as well as the conferring of degrees and certificates.

Melrose Park resident and graduate Erick Rosales felt accomplished at Triton's graduation, while also feeling inspired. His parents, who immigrated to the United States from Mexico in 1995, encouraged him to get a good education and never give up.

"I'm still not finished accomplishing my goal," he said. "I want to complete my bachelor's degree and have a great career. I won't stop until I get exactly what I want. Triton College had a huge part in helping me find my drive and motivation."

For more information on the Triton College 2023 Commencement Ceremony, please call Maryann Pisano, staff writer, at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3202, or send an email to <a href="maryannpisano@triton.edu">maryannpisano@triton.edu</a>.

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## **ABOUT TRITON COLLEGE**

Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <a href="http://www.triton.edu/">http://www.triton.edu/</a>.