

**Christine Duncan Heritage Academy  
President's Report by Dr. Quiñones  
May 27, 2020**

The pandemic continues its ugly course. The country has surpassed 100,000 deaths and New México is at 320 deaths due to covid-19. We must continue to utilize the safest procedures possible to stop this horrible spread.

We had a Zoom meeting with Mr. Saylor on May 5, along with Mr. Moncada, Ms. Lerner, and Mr. Hill. Mr. Moncada and Mr. Hill will report on the happenings of this meeting. I am happy that we came away with a couple of alternatives that we will discuss on May 27 and present to the Governing Council in June.

The Zoom Promotion Ceremonies on May 21<sup>st</sup> organized by Christine Duncan Heritage Academy was fabulous. Teacher Ms. Cynthia Toledo did a fantastic job and the ceremony was an event that was noteworthy. A wonderful video, with photos and videos of the students was also presented for all to enjoy. I was invited by Mr. Moncada to deliver the commencement address for the 8<sup>th</sup> class graduating class of 2020. Of course, it was an honor. I have included the contents of my speech below in italics (which I presented in Spanish and English).

The Zoom Kindergarten Ceremonies took place on May 22 and was also a wonderful ceremony. A big “thank you” to teacher Ms. Angélica Roybal for organizing the video event. The administrators and teachers offered congratulations to the students and, again, a very well-done video presentation was offered. I also chimed in with congratulatory comments. My hats off to the staff of CDHA for making these graduations/promotions events that the students will remember. Muchísimas gracias for everyone for their resilience, success and understanding in this time of crisis.

**CDHA Commencement Address May 21, 2020**

*Good evening. Mr. Moncada, teachers, parents and students. On behalf of the Governing Council, we are here for a very important event—it is to celebrate the*

*2020 graduating 8th grade class of Christine Duncan Heritage Academy! I wish to convey my sincerest, heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you for honoring your school, honoring your families, and honoring your community. Education is the passport to the future and the future belongs to those who prepare for it today. Tonight, we wish you the very best in your lives, in your educations, and your careers. We appreciate you and know that you will make a better world, with compassion, knowledge, and love and peace for your neighbor. Again, congratulations, good fortune, and good luck in your future.*

*Buena tardes. Señor Moncada, maestras y maestros, padres, y estudiantes, de parte de la Mesa Directiva de la escuela La Academia de Herencia Christine Duncan , estamos aquí para un evento muy importante: ¡es de celebrar la clase de 2020 del octavo grado de Christine Duncan Heritage Academy! Les quiero dar mis más sinceras felicitaciones a todos y a cada uno de ustedes por honrar a su escuela, por honrar a sus familias y por honrar a su comunidad. La educación es el pasaporte hacia el futuro y el futuro le pertenece a quienes se preparan para él hoy. Esta noche, le deseamos lo mejor en sus vidas, en sus educaciones y en su carreras profesionales. Los apreciamos y sabemos que harán un mundo mucho mejor, con compasión, sabiduría, y amor y paz al prójimo. Nuevamente, felicidades, buena fortuna y buena suerte en sus futuros. Muchísimas gracias.*