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## Carthage College to hold drive-thru diploma pickup for 2020 graduates

**KENOSHA, Wis.** – Carthage College will host a celebratory drive-thru diploma pickup for its 2020 graduates at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10. Graduates are encouraged to decorate their cars and wear graduation caps and gowns.

"Graduating from college is a major milestone for students and their families, and we wanted a way to safely celebrate that accomplishment as a community," says Mary Duckworth, Carthage College Registrar. "While nothing will replace walking across the stage we hope this fun event will remind students of what makes Carthage College so special."

Graduates will enter campus via the South Lower Lot and drive onto Campus Drive where they will receive their diplomas from the "Diploma Station." They will parade north with Carthage faculty and staff cheering on Campus Drive and are invited to stop their car in front of the Lincoln statue to have their picture taken before exiting from the north entrance.

During the celebration, the Class of 2020 graduates will also have an opportunity to give back to the community by upcycling their graduation gowns. Carthage plans to collect graduation regalia which will be donated to <a href="Gowns4Good">Gowns4Good</a>, a newly established initiative focused on protecting healthcare workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Safety will be at the entrances and exits to direct cars accordingly. The south entrance will be closed to traffic.

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## **ABOUT CARTHAGE**

Located on the shore of Lake Michigan in the thriving Chicago-Milwaukee corridor, Carthage College enrolls 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students. Named a Best Midwestern College by the Princeton Review and a Most Innovative School by U.S. News & World Report, Carthage has been a top producer in the nation of Fulbright U.S. Students four of the past five years. Carthage is ranked No. 3 in the country among baccalaureate institutions for student participation in short-term study abroad. Home to NASA's Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium, Carthage is one of a few colleges nationwide regularly invited to participate in NASA's Flight Opportunities Program. The College is home to The Aspire Program ™, a comprehensive four-year career development program for all students. The Aspire Program builds on Carthage's strong history of providing students with the skills they need to succeed after college.

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