Congratulations, Class 2020!
We Celebrate You
Our Shining Stars

The Brooklyn College Film Department
Wishing you all the very best as you set out into the world. You make us so proud! We are always here for you if you need us.

Congratulations!
Your BC Film Family
Congratulations Class of 2020!

"Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning; it's lots of memories of the past and big dreams for the future. Wishing you great success with your future dreams and career!"

Annette Danto
Professor and Chair
"Great job, Class of 2020! You'll be remembered forever!"

Robert Tutak
Professor

"It's been an honor working with such talented, insightful and collaborative filmmakers. The world needs your voices, now more than ever. We can't wait to see what you do next!"

Sarah Christman
Professor

"Congratulations Graduates! It's been an honor teaching and getting to know all of you. I look forward to seeing all the amazing things you will do. Please hire me when you're famous!"

Mustapha Khan
Lecturer

"You are a brilliant and resilient class. The world needs you now more than ever!"

Ben Snyder
Lecturer

"Congratulations to the class of 2020. You faced unbelievably difficult challenges, and you prevailed. Bravo!"

Foster Hirsch
Professor
"Your artful educated voices will be the solution. Congratulations graduates!"

Alex Juhasz
Distinguished Professor

"In the worst of times you have made it to the best of times! Congratulations on graduating to a future where dreams really can come true!"

Lindley Hanlon
Professor

"One thing we know for sure is that this has been one unforgettable year. Congratulations on rising to the occasion and overcoming some extraordinary challenges and telling some great stories. Enjoy and celebrate!!!"

Mark Voelpel
Associate Professor

"Congratulations to the class of 2020! Wishing you all the best going forward; your journey begins now!"

Tom Reilly
Distinguished Lecturer
It is truly an honor and a privilege to teach such an intelligent, warm, diverse and creative group of students. I have been so impressed by your resilience this semester and I look forward to seeing all of the great things that you will do with your lives!
Rebecca MacDonald
Lecturer

"Congratulations from the bottom of my heart! I am deeply proud of you all and cannot wait to see what wonderful things you achieve next."
Dijana Jelaca
Adjunct Assistant Professor

"The courage and determination you've shown this semester are unteachable life skills that are forever yours to surmount future unpredictable challenges. We are so proud of you for graduating in these unbelievably difficult times."
Vinit Parmar
Associate Professor

"Congratulations to each and every one of you! I know that you've had to face many difficulties and challenges because of the unusual situation we find ourselves in. But you all were able to rise to the occasion. We are all so very proud of you and wish you the best!"
Peggy Scott
Administrative Assistant

"This has been a very challenging and memorable time for all of us, and as hard as it seems, you are now equipped to help make the world a better place by creating visions from your unique vantage point. Congrats and chins up!!
Kelly Spivey
Technology Manager

"Congratulations to everyone! Don’t forget, over under."
Michael Irgang
Equipment Room Manager

"Break the rules, not the equipment!"
Charles Carr
Equipment Room Assistant

"One last bit of homework before you pack up your film gear and sail away on this next great, fantastic adventure: learn to have confidence in yourself; believe in yourself and in your dreams and know that you are always stronger than you think. Savor every moment of the journey."
Frank Angel
Lab Technician & Campus Projectionist

"Always have the courage to follow your own truth. Believe in yourself. Do the work. And remember to enjoy all the tiny moments in your life on the way to success.
Wishing you the very best as you move on. You will be missed!
Judith Kenny
Director of Academic Affairs & Operations
"You can fail at what you don't want, so you might as well take the chance on doing what you love."
- Jim Carrey
Shevionate Alexander

Screenwriting

“Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack in the concrete...”
Elvir Ali

Film Production

“You must be prepared to work always without applause”.
- Ernest Hemingway
“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and live the life you have imagined.”
-Henry David Thoreau.
“Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are.”
Emmanuel Awe

Film Production

"May I be remembered at BC film for always being the last student to leave the building, as if I didn’t live in Jersey..."
“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing”
- Edmund Burke
Felicia Bigg

Film Production

“You may be met with defeat but you are never defeated unless you give up”
“Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead.”
- Charles Bukowski
Pedro Canales

Film Production

“I’m just a simple man trying to make my way in the universe”
- Jango Fett
Samantha Castro

Film Production

"Don't mistake kindness for weakness."
"The only way you can be happy is by being true to yourself. Work hard, persevere and keep doing what you love."
Shilpa Cherian

Film Production

"If film school has taught me anything, it’s that you can never have too much gaffing tape."
Ronald Chunilall

Documentary Production

“If you want to succeed in life, but you don't put the work in, you won't get the results. But I promise you, if you do put the work in you will see the results.”
Milton Coradin
Film Production

"When you work stupid, you work double."
-Dad
Vesta Cordero

Film Studies

"Say Something"
Krista Cohen

Film Production

"See you on another call sheet!"
Angelica Cornier

Film Production

“Don’t forget the Happy thoughts”
Matthew Cortes

Film Studies

"Make it the best, even if it don’t make sense."
"Our biggest obstacle in our lives is ourselves, we are our worst enemy. If you learn how to conquer yourself, then you’ve learned how to conquer the world"
Bryan Davis

Film

"Never give up, never surrender!"
-Galaxy Quest
Lisette DeJesus

Film Production

"I really don't know what I'm doing."
"One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight, for a very long time, of the shore.”

-André Guide
Jacob Dodge

Screenwriting

"Something pretentious and I'm a big fan of Tarkovsky. Off to make it big now. & shout out to Frank Rinaldi ... the GOAT of screenwriting professors."
Peter Donaruma

Screenwriting

“Why not?”
"But what of black women?... I most sincerely doubt if any other race of women could have brought its fineness up through so devilish a fire."
- W.E.B. DuBois
"Film is all about teamwork. I neglected that before Brooklyn college. Leaving, it became the most valued and joyful thing I've ever learned. Together, we're all part of the one machine of film production. Let's keep that teamwork together moving forward into our future careers, and keep in touch!"
Jesse Ganaishlal

Screenwriting

"The world is my toaster!"
- Chuckie Finster
"I just want to say thank you to every single person who ever did a project with me. From a scene recreation to a thesis shoot. Every minute I spent with you all meant the world to me. Thank you for teaching me more than any other program ever could! See you all soon."
"It seems that the greatest difficulty is to find the end. Don't try to find it, it's there already."
- Sophia Coppola
Sara Girmay

Film Production

"Far from a Harvard student, just had the balls to do it."
-Jay Z.
Suliya Gisele

Film Production

"No one will believe in you unless you believe in yourself."
Jose Gonzalez

Film Production

"They don't think it be like it is, but it Do"
"The cancer of time is eating us away. Our heroes have killed themselves, or are killing themselves. The hero, then, is not time, but timelessness."

- Henry Miller
Joseph Gurbo

Screenwriting
Patrick Hercules

Screenwriting

"Never stop, never stopping."
"Dream beyond the stars."
Abby Hinkley

Film Production

"I know more about myself right now than I have ever known."
Matthew Hittle

Film Production

"You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down."
- Ray Bradbury
Natalie Huggins

Film Production

“Whether life gets too good or too bad I just remember to cherish the simple things to keep me grounded.”
Benjamin Joyce

Industry Studies

"I regret I have but one quote for my yearbook to give.."
Polina Kazakova

Film Production

"It's the passion and having a goal that shapes you as a person. Set it up for yourself and let it burn like an engine somewhere in your heart."
"The day Flavor Flav left Public Enemy was the beginning of the end for 2020 and the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign. I can write a dissertation on this."
Zachary King

"It's said that life isn't a script and things never always go as planned. But my years here and the experiences are more priceless than any film budget I will ever see. The skills I’ve gained and the challenges I have overcome I would never change for the world. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare me for the best unscripted story called life."
Caroline Klepper

Documentary Production
Madison Littlefield

Film Production

"I want to be remembered as someone who came into her own while making art that was authentically her."
"Like your favorite motion picture, the journey reaches its end but is never forgotten. Class of 2020 make sure the steps you take moving forward, are as historical as your favorite motion picture. #filmattic "

Film Production
Hugo Mahmudov

Film Production

“I can’t wait to hear my name horribly mispronounced”
Miranda Manziano

Film Production

"Big dreams, little budget."
Those who are able to accept their true nature and flaws and move forward in life shall be the strong ones.
Tyler Matthews

Film Production

"I want to be remembered as the guy who shoulda graduated a long time ago, but still had a good time"
Chiara Mazzanti

Industry Studies

"Thank you for everything Brooklyn College! It has truly been a delight spending my 20’s on your beautiful campus."
Matty McGaffney

Film Production

“Well it turns out if you believe in yourself, sometimes you’re good enough.”
-Lady Gaga
"The only thing you have to worry about is what you're gonna have for lunch."
-Dad
"Everything in the world began with a yes. One molecule said yes to another molecule and life was born."
- Clarice Lispector

Film Production
Adgam Nasibullin

Film Production

“fixed in post.”
“Cheaters never win, but I just graduated. Now that I know better, I do better.”
"There’s nothing noble about being superior to your fellow man. True nobility is being superior to your former self."
- Ernest Hemingway
Patrick O'Connell

Film Studies

"Never give up, never surrender, and always finish what you start! Thank you to Mom and Dad for encouraging me to begin this journey and to my wife, Jeana, and my son, Waylon for helping me to finally complete it."
“Keep grindin’ boy, your life can change in one year, and even when it’s dark out, the sun is shining somewhere.”

- J. Cole
Luisa Ortiz

Film Production

"If you follow your dreams, you are capable of anything."
"You have to dare. That's what life is about."

Anto Parodi

Film Production
Max Pavlichenko

Film Production

"When all else fails, open the door and bail."
Alex Payne

Film Production

"Congratulations everyone!"
Melissa Pennartz

"What you will be tomorrow starts with what you do today. Congratulations class of 2020, we did that."
Jose Pereira

Film Production

"The most personal is the most creative." - Martin Scorsese
Telisha Petteway

Film Production

"My life is a storybook written backwards. Who knows how its going to end."
Crystal Qiu

Film Production

Light, Camera, Action!
Now it’s time to shine on a bigger stage!
Christopher Richards

Film Production

"Dream big and never ever give up!"
"My experience at BC has truly helped me mature as an individual. If it weren’t for this school, I personally don’t know where I’d be right now."
"Not only do I create films but I also create the life I want to live. Nothing is impossible for me. If I say I am going to do something trust me I am going to do it - just like how I said I was going to get that chicken for my thesis."
"As filmmakers we have the responsibility to use our powerful medium as art should be used: to help others. I aim to create art that helps fight hatred, injustice, racism, inequality, and move towards a better future for all."
Hebah Sahibzada

Film Production

"Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so."
“A book read by a thousand different people is a thousand different books.”
- Andrey Tarkovsky
"Happiness is like peeing your pants, everyone can see it but only you can feel it’s warmth"
There was a woman born from a Lotus,
Her heart was golden, deep as the ocean.
She found her Focus, and the beast awoken.”
- Jhené Aiko
Julia Sher

Documentary Production

"Be fearless, creative and confident!"
"Everything doesn't stay the same forever so we shouldn't either."
"You can go far in life, obtain many degrees, and make lots of money, plus be a douchebag in the midst of it all. But who really wants to be a smart dummy!? Aspire to more!"
"There is one thing this covid-19 pandemic cannot stop, shut down, or take away, and that is our future and all of the aspirations that come with it. Here's to 100,000 more tomorrows."
Angel Torres

Screenwriting

“This is fine.”
Nelli Toth

Film Production

"I have met many fantastic people through my time in BC and I made friendships for a lifetime. I can't wait to work for money in the real world with you all. And Larry we love You! We are very proud of you for graduating with us!"
Kristina Usaitė

Film Production

“We are cups, constantly and quietly being filled. The trick is, knowing how to tip ourselves over and let the beautiful stuff out.”
- Ray Bradbury
Corey Vega

Documentary Production

"Left my comfort zone for film, came for the art, stayed for the people"
Suze Vega

Film Production

"I want to be remembered as someone who wants to give a voice to the silenced through filmmaking, and other art forms."
Sabrina Vozikis

Film Production

"God bless Accutane "
Peter Woodyard

Film Production

“When the going gets tough, the tough reinvent”
Anna Yon

Documentary Production

"One day, I want to honestly say "I made it."
Zijing Zeng

Industry Studies

"Congratulations XIV Thank you, Mother, Father. And, to all the children: Congratulations."
Jamiel Zurita

Industry Studies

“We are leaving in a time of turmoil but sometimes in dark times we find the best versions of ourselves”
Congrats!
The BC Film Graduating Class of 2020
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