



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on earning your degree from Lake-Sumter State College. This accomplishment will open opportunities for you to pursue the American dream. Across our state, opportunities are growing for Florida families, and having a great education will help you build a great career.

My goal as Governor is to make Florida a global leader in job creation so we can build opportunities for generations of Floridians. Since December 2010, we have created more than 1.35 million jobs while we have made higher education more affordable, and created greater transparency and accountability.

I am working to ensure that Florida's colleges and universities are focused on helping students get jobs. I have challenged all state universities to participate in my "Ready, Set, Work" Challenge by aiming for 100 percent job placement within a year of graduation - for graduates with the most popular degrees. Meeting this challenge will help diversify our economy and ensure we have the most skilled workforce.

To help you find great job opportunities here in Florida, I encourage you to explore the online job listings in Employ Florida Marketplace, employflorida.com. With more than 250,000 job openings advertised online in our state, this works directly with Florida businesses to connect candidates with employers. For in-person assistance, visit careersourceflorida.com to locate your local career center, learn more about job openings, and receive resume and interviewing help, along with many other services.

Again, congratulations on earning your degree, and I encourage you to pursue your dreams in Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor