

April 25, 2023

Dear Secretary Aguilar,

Greetings from the College of Southern Nevada, the largest and most diverse higher education institution in the state of Nevada designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution and Minority Serving Institution. It is my distinct honor, on behalf of the almost 40,000 CSN Students and their families, to invite you to be our Keynote Speaker for our 51st Commencement Ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Thomas and Mack. We are expecting over 1,000 students to walk across the stage to receive their diploma signifying their achievement, many of whom, like yourself, are first generation college students.

We know your participation would be a highlight of the event for our faculty, staff, and students. As the college, the state and the nation move beyond the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we look to celebrate the achievement of those students. I cannot think of a better example of someone who has used higher education in his own life to succeed and who can serve as inspiration to our graduates. I know your presence would send the right message to our students and their families about the value of education and their value to our state.

I truly understand how valuable your time is, and I thank you for considering speaking at the College of Southern Nevada's Commencement Ceremony. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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President, College of Southern Nevada