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Kenzie Gorjanc will receive her associate of arts degree in psychology on Saturday, along with an Academic Medal in an online convocation ceremony on Saturday. She will continue her education at UBC Okanagan.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE

2,000-plus grads to receive honours on Saturday

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On Saturday, Kenzie Gorjanc will join more than 2,000 Okanagan College students who will don virtual caps and gowns as they are recognized during the college's first online convocation ceremony.

Graduates, along with their family, friends and supporters in the community are invited to tune in and watch the pre-recorded virtual ceremony at 10:30 a.m. To view the ceremony and learn more, visit okanagan.bc.ca/virtualconvocation.

The ceremony will see credentials conferred on students across all programs including Arts, Science, Business, Technologies, Trades and Health and Social Development.

Viewers can also visit the webpage in advance to leave messages of congratulations via a digital guest book, pre-order flowers for a graduate with a special discount code or to purchase a commemorative gift.

When the pandemic hit last year, the college was forced to take many of its programs online and postpone its in-person convocation ceremonies.

Gorjanc, a psychology student, completed the college's two-year Associate of Arts degree in June with a 93.67% grade average — the highest grade

average of any student in the degree program.

For her accomplishments, Gorjanc is being awarded the College's Associate of Arts Degree Academic Medal and graduated with distinction.

"If I could say anything to my peers and professors at the college, it would be a proper goodbye," she says. "OC was a place where I developed many important relationships and felt a very strong social connection to both my peers and professors. It's unfortunate that I couldn't thank them and say goodbye face-to-face."

Gorjanc will complete her Bachelor of Arts degree at UBC Okanagan. She plans to focus her honours thesis in the clinical psychology field and wants to pursue graduate studies in psychiatry or clinical counselling.

Her dream is to open a private practice in Kelowna providing clinical counselling to youth and young adults.

Students will hear from Okanagan College President Jim Hamilton in his last graduation address before retirement.

"Having presided over more than 60 convocation ceremonies during my time at Okanagan College, I've been thinking about this one, my final ceremony as president, for a long time. I never imagined it wouldn't happen face-to-face," said Hamilton in a college news release.