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**MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES JENNIFER LOPEZ AND ALEX RODRIGUEZ TO
GIVE KEYNOTE SPEECH AT CITYWIDE GRADUATION**

Event will air on June 30 at 7:00PM on PIX11 and online

NEW YORK – Mayor Bill de Blasio and Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza today announced that Jennifer Lopez and Alex Rodriguez will give a keynote address at the citywide graduation celebration of the Class of 2020 at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 30. The Bronx and Washington Heights natives join other celebrities including Lin Manuel Miranda, Tina Fey, and more to honor this year's graduating class.

"Jennifer and Alex are great New Yorkers. They've inspired young people throughout their careers, and we're thrilled they're stepping up to inspire our 2020 graduates," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Our seniors persevered through extraordinary challenges this year, and I thank Jennifer and Alex for giving them a sendoff to remember."

"The Class of 2020 has experienced a Senior year like never before, and we're so excited that we can give them the celebration they deserve featuring Jennifer and Alex," said **Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza**. "Our students will be so moved by these native New Yorkers, who are role models to young people all over the city."

Ms. Lopez and Mr. Rodriguez are deeply moved by the role the Class of 2020 has had in fighting for justice in the city they were born in, while persevering through the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. They want to make this celebration a fitting tribute to the hard work and sacrifices of the Class of 2020.

Jennifer Lopez is a global superstar who has seen unprecedented success in her longstanding career across the music, film, television and fashion industries. Alex Rodriguez is a 14-time MLB All Star and World Series Champion with the New York Yankees.

The COVID-19 crisis disrupted the traditional celebrations honoring the Class of 2020, and this special program will be broadcast to all of New York in recognition of all they have achieved. The graduation celebration, produced by the City in partnership with New York's Very Own PIX11, will air live on PIX11's TV channel, website, and social media channels. It will also be livestreamed at NYCClassof2020.com.

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