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### **Nashua Community College to celebrate 45<sup>th</sup> Commencement**

Nashua, N.H. May 13, 2016- Nashua Community College (NCC) will celebrate the graduation of more than 300 students on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. on the campus green. NCC, part of the Community College System of New Hampshire, provides quality, rigorous, higher-education programs focused on the diverse needs of students and the community.

Gov. Maggie Hassan will deliver the keynote address to associate degree and certificate recipients at the college's 45th commencement ceremony. Hassan, the 81st Governor of New Hampshire, is focused on bringing people together to build a stronger, more innovative New Hampshire. Hassan's career in public service spans nearly two decades, having served on the Advisory Committee to the Adequacy in Education and Finance Commission, the New Hampshire Senate, and most recently as Governor of New Hampshire. Hassan earned her B.A. from Brown University and her J.D. from the Northeastern School of Law.

Ramiro Fernandez-Lopez, who will be receiving his Associate of Science degree in Nursing, was selected as this year's student speaker. Fernandez-Lopez will graduate cum laude.

"We are extremely proud of the hard work that our students have put in during the course of their studies," said Lucille Jordan, president at Nashua Community College. "They are a shining example of academic achievement in our region and we wish them success as they pursue their careers and continued higher education."

A reception for graduates, family, and friends will follow the ceremony in the gymnasium. For more information about NCC, please visit [nashuacc.edu](http://nashuacc.edu).

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