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Dear extraordinary class of 2020 who are graduating,

After I announced that spring commencement would not be held in-person, but in an alternate format, I've been hearing how much you would miss an in-person ceremony. I understand those feelings; that it just wouldn't be the same if the celebration couldn't be shared with fellow classmates or with friends and family. It is true—there is nothing like walking across the stage, wearing your cap and gown, and moving your tassel from one side of your cap to the other (and maybe even throwing it up in the air!). Thus, we have decided against a virtual ceremony this May.

To honor our 2020 graduates, there will be a Winter Commencement ceremony to be held in-person, on campus **Saturday, December 19**. You also still have the option of waiting and walking in the 2021 Spring Commencement ceremony, if that is more convenient.

You may be asking, "Why not have commencement later in the summer or early fall?" The great unknown about when the virus might peak and when we might be able to gather again makes planning for summer and early fall too uncertain.

I also understand that some of you may not be able to return to Superior for either commencement. We will still honor you at the December ceremony and we hope you are able to join us through our livestream that day. We are currently working on what that will look like and will be communicating more information at a later date.

We want to honor your amazing achievements, and I realize that this course may not be the perfect solution to fit every circumstance. However, we think this is the best solution for recognizing your extraordinary accomplishments at this unprecedented time in history. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Best wishes,

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