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Dear extraordinary students who will be graduating in 2020,

By now, I'm sure you have been wondering what will happen with your commencement ceremony scheduled for May 16, 2020. Given the rapid spread of the virus and to ensure the safety of you and your family, as well as the campus and community, it's with sadness that I inform you that we will not hold an in-person ceremony in May. We are currently exploring alternatives that honor your amazing achievements that have led to the awarding of your degree.

I understand and share your disappointment regarding these unavoidable disruptions. Commencement day is one of celebration with family and friends who have supported you along the way. I will be sure to communicate when the alternative arrangements are finalized in the upcoming weeks. Please be assured that you will graduate and your achievements will be recognized.

From my own personal experience, I know how meaningful it is to wear your cap and gown and walk across the stage as a conclusion to your academic journey. It's an experience you'll always remember. So, in addition to our virtual commencement, you are invited to join us at our spring 2021 commencement where you can walk across the stage and close this important chapter of your life.

Thank you for your understanding and we will find a way to make this tremendous event in your life memorable.

Best wishes as you work to cross that finish line – I know you can do it!

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