



Monday, March 23, 2020

Dear Graduating Seniors and Graduate Students,

Last week, we shared with you our decision to cancel the 2020 Commencement ceremony due to the coronavirus threat to everyone. We have heard from many of you and we understand the profound disappointment, sadness and perhaps anger you feel about not being able to celebrate your achievements on May 17, 2020, as planned. We empathize because we have similar feelings about it. You have worked very hard and you deserve to be recognized. You deserve to celebrate with your families and friends. But because there are so many uncertainties surrounding this global health crisis right now, we could not guarantee our ability to conduct a ceremony and still assure the health, safety, and well-being of all of you, your families and friends, other guests, and our campus community. Again, we truly regret that we have had to make this extremely difficult decision.

Just because we canceled Commencement 2020 does not mean we have forgotten about it. Quite the

When we are able, in the future, we look forward to celebrating your graduation with you and your family. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Most respectfully,

Rob Huntington, President
Beth Schwartz, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost