

Dear Spring and Fall 2020 online graduates,

We pray that you and your families are well and continuing to manage through these difficult days. As we move through the months and weeks, we are closely monitoring COVID-19 guidelines through the CDC and our city and state authorities. We are still not out of the woods yet with the virus, especially as it relates to large gatherings.

For the GCU Commencement ceremonies scheduled in October for our online and evening cohort graduate candidates, we know many of you and your family members will travel far and many even internationally. To make a decision to hold the ceremonies, we worry not only about everyone's health and safety, but also that we may have to postpone at a later date and thereby cause financial problems for all having to cancel flights and hotels.

And so, after much thought and prayer, GCU has decided to hold a virtual Commencement celebration, instead of an in-person ceremony, on Oct. 17 at 10 am MST. Details about the virtual ceremony will be forthcoming via email invitation and/or listed on our GCU Commencement homepage at gcu.edu/commencement.

For those of you who still wish to participate in an in-person ceremony and on-campus celebration, we will have more details soon about those opportunities in the Spring of 2021.

We appreciate you and your families and are so proud of all our Grand Canyon University graduates! We will honor you and your amazing accomplishments no matter how we all celebrate together and we pray for all of God's blessings to pour out onto each of you.

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