

May 6, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

Under normal circumstances, we would have honored our graduates at three commencement ceremonies this weekend. While I remain committed to a face-to-face ceremony for them in the future, I wanted to remind everyone that we will still be honoring our spring graduates virtually via two video segments on the University website and social media channels.

At 8 p.m., May 8, we will post a congratulatory video featuring a variety of campus images, drone footage of the University and photographs from the past academic year. We are also planning to share another video at 10 a.m., May 9, to observe the accomplishments of our graduates. This piece will feature remarks from me; Jerry Chmielewski, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs; and Kelly Bailey, director of alumni engagement, as well as the names of each graduate.

Both videos will be posted to the University's [Facebook page](#), the [SRUofPA Twitter feed](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Again, rest assured, neither of these pieces are meant to replace an in-person event by any means. Rather, it is an opportunity to take a moment to briefly come together – virtually, of course – to commemorate a special day until we are able to share it together, face-to-face.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Best,

Bill