

April 10, 2020

Dear Candidates for Spring 2020 Graduation,

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and our commitment to prioritize health and safety, we have decided to move Iowa State University's Spring 2020 Commencement ceremonies to a virtual format.

We know that commencement is one of the most important and special events that our university holds. Your years of hard work, dedication, and focused study deserve to be recognized and celebrated. While we can't be together in person, we are developing creative ways to honor you and your momentous achievement.

Spring 2020 virtual commencement ceremonies for undergraduates, graduates, and Veterinary Medicine graduates will be hosted on graduation.iastate.edu, available on-demand beginning at 10 a.m. (central time) on Saturday, May 9, 2020. We are excited to bring the pomp, circumstance, and Iowa State commencement traditions to you wherever you may be in Iowa, the country, or around the world.

We will also be sending each of you a special Graduation *CYlebration* gift with your diploma cover or tube, streamer tube, and souvenir tassel. In order to make sure you receive these items before May 9, you will need to submit your request in AccessPlus by 5:00 p.m. (central time) on April 24. The Registrar's Office will notify you via email next week when that request form is open.

If you would like to order any academic attire to have as a memento, you can purchase through the Iowa State Book Store: <https://www.isubookstore.com/grad-attire>

In addition, the colleges will be moving their graduation celebrations to a virtual format, with more details to come from your college. Student organizations and affinity groups also will share details about how they plan to celebrate graduates.

If you would like, we also welcome you to participate in-person in the fall 2020 commencement or spring 2021 commencement ceremonies.

We know this is not the ending you imagined to your Iowa State adventure, but the spring 2020 graduating class will forever share a special place in history. This pandemic has challenged you in unprecedented ways, and I am so very proud of the strength of your Cyclone spirit.

Wendy Wintersteen
President