

EMU 2020 Commencement Postponed

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Dear EMU graduating class of 2020 and campus community,

Today, we announce that the 2020 Commencement will be held in the Fall, ideally during Homecoming and Family Weekend, October 17-18, 2020. Please reserve these dates. We think this is the wisest and most acceptable course of action given the projections of the pandemic's spread in the next several months and after extensive consultation with students. A special thank you to the undergraduate senior class officers, SGA co-presidents and the many seniors who completed a survey on commencement preferences.

We will be back in touch as soon as possible with additional information about the Fall Class of 2020 Commencement event. We will also provide updates as they are available on our commencement webpage.

For those completing degree requirements in May, please rest assured that your degrees will be conferred and diplomas will be mailed to you once final grades are received.

EMU at Lancaster is planning a separate virtual commencement event on the originally scheduled date and time of Friday, May 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. More details will be shared with Lancaster graduates as soon as they are available. Visit the <u>Lancaster Commencement page</u> for updated information.

We grieve with you that the traditional Commencement weekend originally planned for May 3rd won't be able to happen in the way we had hoped. Commencement marks an important milestone in your lives, marking your success and years of hard work during your time at EMU. It is vitally important for us to honor and celebrate your accomplishments alongside you, despite these unfortunate circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With great appreciation to the students of the class of 2020!

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