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Dear Students,

Earlier this week, the University senior leadership, along with the University Commencement Committee, met at length to develop a plan that would maintain the spirit of commencement that students deserve, while recognizing the need to protect the health and well-being of attending graduates, families, faculty, staff, and alumni.

After careful consideration and reviewing the current guidance about the COVID-19 pandemic, we are cancelling the May 14, 2020 commencement. All students who complete degree requirements during the spring 2020, summer 2020, and fall 2020 semesters will be eligible to participate in the December 17, 2020 commencement.

All spring-related commencement events including, but not limited to, Honors Convocation, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony, and the College of Health Sciences Induction Ceremony will also be postponed. Details regarding these events will be determined at a later date and will be shared directly with students in the weeks to come.

The University remains fully committed to proudly celebrating each and every graduate. However, your safety and well-being are the priorities in these uncertain times. We will keep graduates updated with details about the ceremony and other information affecting this important milestone.

Please stay focused on completing your semester successfully. Be well and be safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie Roundtree
Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs