



Dear Class of 2020,

The Commencement Committee remains committed to celebrating your academic accomplishments with a commencement ceremony. After much thought and review, the university has decided to hold in person on campus ceremonies the weekend of October 8-11, 2021. The news about declining cases and increasing vaccination rates makes us hopeful that we will be able to hold the event in the same tradition as all commencements since the university opened the campus in Laurel, Maryland by postponing to October. We are also forming contingency plans such as limiting guests, holding several smaller ceremonies to abide by any gathering limits that may be in place, or hosting a hybrid event with streaming and live components. The final plans will meet local, state, and federal restrictions on gatherings and guidance on face coverings and social distancing. The university will announce those plans approximately 12 weeks before the event and at that time we will provide a method for graduates to notify the university if they plan to attend.

As these dates draw near we will send information about RSVPs, time, and any additional information to make your participation possible. We are looking forward to celebrating your academic accomplishments!

Sincerely,

The Commencement Committee