

**Subject:** Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation Celebration

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**From:** UofL President,Service Account

**To:** UofL President,Service Account

Dear Cardinal Family,

It's that time of year. The time that we look forward to every spring. A time to pause, to celebrate and to acknowledge all that our graduates have accomplished and have worked so hard to achieve. As you know, the coronavirus pandemic necessitated the postponement of our spring 2020 commencement ceremony. Although we do plan to hold a formal ceremony in December for our spring graduates, we want to ensure that we also recognize them now.

That's why I hope you'll join me in honoring the Class of 2020 with a virtual graduation celebration!

On May 9 at 10 a.m., we will launch a special website, [uofl.edu/hereandbeyond2020](https://uofl.edu/hereandbeyond2020), to celebrate the accomplishments of our spring semester graduates. The site will feature well wishes from campus, local and state leaders, the UofL community, alumni and others. We will also profile several of our graduates and share a few surprises and interactive features on the site.

I encourage you to participate by [recognizing our students' accomplishments on social media](#) using the hashtag #UofLGrads2020 on your posts. Let the Class of 2020 know how proud you are by using this hashtag to share your words of support and advice, photos and personal stories. Graduates, please also use this hashtag and tag UofL on your posts to tell us how you're celebrating and to share photos, videos and personal reflections on your time at UofL. This hashtag will also serve a special purpose for the website.

Although we'll be celebrating their accomplishments in a way that is far different than anyone could have anticipated, I am certain that what the Class of 2020 has endured during this unprecedented time will further fuel their potential to build a better world, here and beyond.

I hope you'll join me on Saturday in celebrating the Class of 2020 by using #UofLGrads2020 on social media and by visiting our [graduation celebration website](#).

Congratulations, graduates. Go Cards!

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President, University of Louisville