

2020 GRADUATION INFORMATION

COMMENCEMENT OPTIONS FOR SPRING & SUMMER 2020 GRADUATES

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 16, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m.

To register, go to the www.wichita.edu/about/commencement/ page and click on

Register for WSU's Virtual Celebration. There will be a link for our Wichita Marching Order site that graduates will be able to click and follow the instructions to register, upload a photo, and enter a custom message.

The virtual celebration is in addition to a traditional commencement ceremony. Graduates are encouraged to participate in **BOTH** the virtual **AND** an in-person commencement ceremony.

The virtual celebration allows us to celebrate the spring & summer graduates on their original intended commencement date, but in a safe, online format during this time of social distancing. The celebration includes pre-recorded remarks from the University President, Provost, Deans, and Alumni Association as well as personalized slides of each participating graduate.

OCTOBER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. in Koch Arena

- Check-In: 1:30 p.m.
- Processional: 2:30 p.m.
- Recessional: 4:30 p.m.

This will be an in-person, traditional commencement ceremony (as long as there are no restrictions in place). It is being held specifically for spring and summer 2020 graduates due to the May 2020 ceremony being canceled due to COVID-19. There will only be ONE ceremony instead of three.

RSVP system will open on May 4, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and close on September 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. in Koch Arena

This will be an in-person, traditional commencement ceremony (as long as there are no restrictions in place). This ceremony will include the fall 2020 graduates as well as the spring and summer 2020 graduates who were unable to participate in the virtual celebration in May or walk in the October ceremony.

SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 15, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Liberal Arts & Sciences, Fine Arts, Institute of Interdisciplinary Innovation, and Honors College
- 1:00 p.m. Applied Studies and Health Professions
- 5:00 p.m. Business and Engineering

This will be an in-person, traditional commencement ceremony that will include the spring 2021 graduates as well as the spring and summer 2020 graduates who were unable to participate in the virtual celebration in May and/or walk in the October/December ceremonies.

Commencement FAQ

● Can a spring/summer 2020 graduate participate in BOTH the virtual celebration AND an in-person commencement ceremony?

Yes, it is encouraged that the graduates participate in both events! It's an opportunity to celebrate their achievements online (now) during the pandemic and then later in-person, amidst family and friends, with a walk across the stage.

● How do I sign-up/register for the Virtual Celebration?

Visit the Commencement webpage at <https://www.wichita.edu/about/commencement/> and click on "Register for WSU's Virtual Celebration" and follow the step-by-step instructions. **Deadline for registration is May 1, 2020.**

● When will I be able to access the Virtual Celebration and how?

The Virtual Celebration link will be posted on the commencement webpage on May 16, 2020 at 9:00am. At that time, and after, anyone may go to the webpage and click on the celebration link to watch video remarks from the University President, Provost, Deans, and Alumni Association and view the personalized graduate slides.

● How do I sign-up/register for an in-person commencement ceremony in October 2020/December 2020/May 2021?

For the October 2020 Commencement, the RSVP system will open on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 8:00am and will close on September 18, 2020 at 5:00pm.

We will have more information regarding registration for December 2020 and May 2021 Commencement Ceremonies at a later date.

Visit the Commencement webpage and check Shocker email for updates.

● Which program will my name be printed in as a spring/summer 2020 graduate?

The Virtual Celebration will include an online "Recognition List" containing the names of all spring and summer 2020 graduates. There will be a link posted on the commencement webpage on May 16, 2020 at 9:00am. Anyone may click on the link to view, share, and/or download the list.

All spring and summer 2020 graduate names will be **printed** in the program for the October 10, 2020 Commencement Ceremony.

● How and when should I purchase my regalia?

The Shocker Store is not open to come in and purchase regalia at this time. As of this moment, the plan is for the Shocker Store to have regalia in and back up on the website by mid-August with package pricing going into effect on August 17th. For preorder stoles: BSN, MLS, University Innovation Fellows, and SOSW, those will go up on August 1st with a deadline of August 15th to order the stoles for the October commencement.