

Commencement Update

“The Lord bless you and keep you ... the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
– Numbers 6:24, 26

To all members of the Class of 2020,

As you conclude your final exams and the culmination of your North Park experience, I write to you with my deepest admiration and respect. The circumstances in which you are graduating, and this fall semester in particular, are nothing short of historic. And yet, you have gone above and beyond in every way possible, inspiring us all as you have worked toward the successful completion of a significant milestone in your life and in your academic career.

As noted earlier this fall, next Saturday we will celebrate your accomplishments in a virtual Commencement that will include graduates of the Undergraduate, Graduate, School of Professional Studies, and Seminary programs.

Our Virtual Commencement Ceremony will be hosted online at 10:00 am CST next Saturday, December 12, 2020. The video will stream on both YouTube and Facebook. To access the YouTube link, please visit www.northpark.edu/live on Saturday morning. Follow the [North Park Facebook](#) page and turn on notifications if you wish to receive an alert when the video goes live. For a version with Closed Captioning, we recommend utilizing the YouTube link.

While I wish so much that I could be with you in person, offering a handshake to each graduate crossing the stage, I know how important it is to recognize this date and this momentous occasion – for you, and for your loved ones who undoubtedly are eager to celebrate you, as well.

This weekend’s program will include the conferring of degrees, with each graduate’s name read by the Dean of their respective School, as well as participation from students representing a variety of disciplines and programs.

A [social media toolkit](#) has been created so that you can engage with fellow North Parkers on social media in the coming days. If you elected to receive academic regalia, we encourage you to take a photo and share it with us on social media. For those of you hoping to host a viewing party, you might consider hosting a personal Zoom call with the broadcast on screen share so that you can be together with loved ones. And of course, I do hope you will also return to campus for an in-person Commencement, as soon as we are safely able to do so.

I know that the North Park faculty, staff, and administration, along with our alumni, friends and Board of Trustees, all join me in expressing warmest congratulations to you, as well as sincere

prayers for God's rich blessings on your life.

With gratitude and respect,

Mary K. Surridge, President

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