

Dear Honors Seniors,

Words truly cannot express my sadness that our Honors Medals Ceremony will not take place this May. Medals is the highlight of the academic year for me and an opportunity for the entire Honors Community to celebrate exceptional academic achievement and to be together as a community for our graduating students prior to Commencement.

While we will not be together as we had planned, the Honors Program Office is working with several university offices to coordinate an event to be scheduled during fall 2020. We will be together, and we will celebrate. We will just be patient and make sure we can share our joy with one another when it is safe to do so. We will communicate with you as plans develop and details come into sharper view. We are also making plans to celebrate as you electronically turn-in your theses, so stay tuned for our creative approaches to "ringing the bell" and listening to us clap and cheer as we applaud your efforts.

A constant, in a landscape abundant with ambiguity, is how proud I am of you! I speak for everyone at Honors when I say that we miss you more than you can imagine. Please stay in touch. Stay safe and healthy. Stay whelmed, as always. And stay the course, Seniors. We'll always be here when you need us.

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