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President's Chair

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To the Class of 2020,

These extraordinary times have forced so many changes in our lives. The continued uncertainty of COVID-19 and capacity restrictions have now compelled us to cancel your 2020 Grad Bash and Commencement Ceremony. We had hoped that by rescheduling Commencement from June to October, it would have allowed enough time to return to some sense of a new normal. Unfortunately, there are still more questions than answers and we aren't willing to risk your health and safety or that of your family and friends.

This decision wasn't made lightly. We understand the disappointment that not having commencement creates for each of you, your family, and friends. We take the health and safety of our students and their loved ones very seriously. It is also upsetting to me, as well as all of us at Hodges, because we enjoy celebrating your accomplishment with you. For me, Commencement is always the best day of the year.

Commencement for the classes of 2020 and 2021 is now scheduled on Sunday, June 20, 2021 at Hertz Arena. We are already working on plans to make this even more special and meaningful for you. As we finalize more details about Commencement and Grad Bash, we will be sure to let you know.

You can also watch for updates at <https://www.hodges.edu/graduation/>.

Sincerely,

Dr. John D. Meyer
President