

To Members of the Campus Community:

The recent announcement by Chancellor White informing all CSU-member institutions that instruction for Spring 2021 will be conducted virtually created the need to make a timely determination regarding the Fall 2020 Commencement here at Cal State San Bernardino.

In consultation with campus stakeholder groups, it has been decided the Fall 2020 Commencement ceremonies will be conducted using a virtual format. Graduates who participate in the virtual ceremony will also be invited to participate in-person when we return to that format.

As a University, our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and their families as well as our faculty and staff. With the first month of the fall semester already complete, it was necessary to finalize plans in order to allow enough lead time for registration, scheduling and production of these important traditional ceremonies.

While we at CSUSB proudly state that *We Define the Future*, we also realize commencement is truly a defining moment for our graduates, a significant part of the college experience and a reaffirming event for entire campus community. Postponement of our Spring 2020 ceremonies in June had already slated the Fall Commencement to be an even greater assemblage of graduates and their families, which also played an influential role in this decision.

Four ceremonies will take place on Saturday, December 12. Students from both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses who qualified for graduation in Winter 2020, Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 as well as those eligible for Fall 2020 will be invited to participate. All of the graduates – whether they choose to take part in December’s virtual ceremonies or not – will have an opportunity to participate in the next in-person CSUSB commencement when conditions permit us to hold it safely.

These virtual events will allow all members of the campus community to join in and help mark this momentous occasion. I encourage all students, faculty and staff to mark this event on your calendar and plan to take part in one or more of these meaningful, congratulatory ceremonies.

I realize this is not how any of us had envisioned our commencement celebration this December. However, it is the best option available that will allow us to recognize the tremendous achievement of our exceptional Class of 2020 graduates as well as the outstanding contributions of our faculty and staff in furtherance of our University’s impressive educational legacy.

Sincerely,  
**Tomás D. Morales**  
President