

After careful consideration and extensive discussion, the University's 2020 Spring Commencement ceremonies involving both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses have been postponed due to restrictions involving the continuing COVID-19 outbreak.

Our top priority remains the health and safety of our students and their families as well as our faculty and staff. We will continue to review all information and mandates received from the CSU, state and local officials. Once we are confident these important ceremonies can be held in a healthy, protective environment meeting all existing protocols, we will select and announce the rescheduled dates and times.

Fundamental to this decision process was a sincere appreciation for the significant role commencement plays in the lives and aspirations of our students. Many are first-generation, making them the first in their family to earn a degree. The importance of this event extends far beyond the individual student; commencement is a landmark achievement within a family and community structure. It influences countless lives, especially those for whom our graduates serve as a role model.

The decision to postpone commencement will not adversely affect those students who successfully complete their studies and meet all existing requirements. They will officially have their respective degrees conferred and receive their diplomas by mail. If you have questions, please contact the office of Registrar at (909) 537-5219 or by email at [graduationinfo@csusb.edu](mailto:graduationinfo@csusb.edu).

Here at CSUSB, we proudly state that we define the future. Commencement is truly a defining moment for our graduates and their families. I ask for your patience and understanding as we make every effort to reschedule our 2020 Spring ceremonies to a future date that is in the best interest of all and will meet all the needs and desires of the entire outgoing graduating class.

**Tomás D. Morales**

President