

Dear Colleagues and Students,

As a university, our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and their families, as well as that of our faculty and staff. With the high number of COVID-19 cases in our region and the CSU-wide continuation of virtual classwork for the spring 2021 semester, the safest way to celebrate the 2021 graduating class is with a virtual Spring 2021 Commencement on May 22, 2021.

Graduates who participate in the virtual ceremony will also be invited to participate in-person when we return to that format, at no additional cost.

Commencement is a defining moment for our graduates, a significant part of the college experience and a reaffirming event for the entire campus community. It provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students, who have persevered and completed the hard work necessary to earn a degree. Commencement also offers an opportunity for members of each graduate's family and friends, who have provided support throughout their journey, to take part in this formal recognition of the members of the Class of 2021.

Student registration for the virtual commencement will open on Monday, February 22 at 8:00 a.m. Registration will include the opportunity for each participant to upload their picture and a personalized message, both of which will be displayed during their respective ceremony. All participants will receive their diploma cover and commemorative program by mail. Students will receive an email from the Commencement Office with complete details and instructions for the May event. Please continue to monitor the [commencement](#) website for updates.

I want to reiterate that all of our graduates – whether they choose to take part in May's virtual ceremonies or not – will have an opportunity to participate in the next in-person CSUSB commencement when conditions permit us to hold this capstone event safely.

I look forward to being part of this memorable experience highlighting our students' attainment of their academic and personal aspirations. You truly do #DefineTheFuture.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales

President