

Virtual Spring Commencement 2020

Saturday, May 9, 2020

10 a.m.

Registration

If you plan to participate in the commencement ceremony, you must submit your materials **by Friday, April 24, 2020**. All graduates will receive an email from StageClip. Graduates who wish to participate in the virtual ceremony, please submit a headshot and message of gratitude or inspirational quote to the link provided from StageClip.

If you have any other questions, please email commencement@FAMU.edu.

Virtual Participation

The virtual ceremony is a great opportunity for you, as well as your family and friends, to attend from the comfort of your home. You will have your name read and get the opportunity to engage and celebrate with other graduates! Graduates who wish to attend the virtual closed-captioned ceremony, should submit materials by Friday, April 24, 2020. Information about how to log-in the day of the event will follow. The virtual ceremony will also take place at 10 a.m. on May 9, 2020 and will be live streamed via YouTube.

Commencement Day Schedule

10 a.m. Ceremony (virtual)

ADA Accessibility at the Ceremony

Closed captioning will be available.

Graduation Memorabilia

To purchase graduation memorabilia -- including class rings, announcements, and graduation caps -- contact Herff Jones at 800-837-4235.

NOTE: For Spring 2020 Virtual Commencement Ceremony, you are not required to purchase a cap, gown, stole, cords, or any other graduation memorabilia.

FAQS

How do I register for the fully virtual ceremony?

Graduates will receive an email from StageClip. Click the link within the email and you will be prompted to upload the following information: your name, phonetic spelling of your name, major, a message of gratitude or inspirational quote (no longer than 150 characters) and headshot. The headshot can be of you in cap/gown or in any business attire you choose (no visible logos, please). For best results, choose a “medium” or “high” quality setting when uploading your headshot/photo with a solid background. Do not upload a video, as they will not be used during the virtual ceremony.

What is a virtual ceremony?

A virtual ceremony has many of the same components as a live ceremony. In exchange for walking across the stage to accept your diploma, we create a slide with your photo, degree, honors and any personalized messages you provide. [Please view this short clip to see what the experience is like.](#)

What if I don't want to attend the fully virtual ceremony?

If you do not wish to participate in a virtual ceremony, we invite you and all eligible graduates to attend the in-person ceremony that will be held at a later date that has yet to be determined. Your name will still be called during the virtual ceremony even if you do not submit a photo or personalized message.

I already ordered regalia, but I plan on attending the virtual ceremony now. Do I still need it?

If you want to keep your regalia for photos, as a souvenir of your accomplishment (or for virtual viewing parties) you are able to do so, but it is not required. If you plan on also attending the rescheduled in-person ceremony, you are advised to keep your regalia, as it will be needed at that time. Otherwise, Herff Jones will accept returns for unopened regalia.

When will I receive information on the rescheduled in-person ceremony?

We are monitoring the unfolding public health situation to determine a new date. Once we have confirmed the date, we will send out an email to eligible graduates for that ceremony.

I already purchased travel and lodging. What should I do?

If you've already purchased travel and lodging, please reach out to the issuing companies to see if they will be willing to work with you on cancellations and refunds. Numerous airlines and hotels are waiving cancellation fees at this time.

Will there be a traditional summer ceremony?

We are still monitoring the progress of COVID-19 and will determine that at a later date.

What if I don't receive an email, what do I do?

If you do not receive an email, please send an email to commencement@famuedu.

**Information for All Graduates and Attendees
Order of Events for Virtual Ceremony:**

**Prelude
Processional
National anthem
Meditation
Greetings
Introduction of Speaker by President Larry Robinson, Ph.D.
Commencement Address
Presentation of the Deans
Conferring of Degrees
Senior Transcendent Ceremony
Remarks
Alma Mater**

Commencement Programs

Students within the graduation date range in good financial standing will appear in the program. The program will be available for download at this [link](#) closer to the date of the ceremony.

Social Media

In addition to our virtual ceremony, we want to share your virtual graduation experiences, such as your decorated cap, graduation walk across the stage or Rattler Strike via social media. From April 25 – May 9, share your videos or photos using #FAMUgrad20 on Twitter and Instagram for a chance to be featured. Please wear your cap and gown or business professional attire when shared your posts. Please adhere to proper social distancing protocols.