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**Statement from Chancellor Dubois**

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Dear UNC Charlotte Class of 2020 and Families,

Around the world and here in Niner Nation, the unprecedented disruption and increasing impact of this pandemic are unfolding at a precious time for our University - graduation, final examinations, and major events. At the same time, we know that our priority remains preserving and protecting the health and safety of our Niner family and continuing to support the ongoing education of our students.

Given the evolving nature of COVID-19 and based on current federal health guidance, UNC Charlotte's May commencement ceremony will need to be postponed.

We know you are disappointed. We are too.

We are incredibly proud of you and your academic accomplishments and know what an important milestone graduation is for you, your families, and your faculty members.

We are working to develop a thoughtful plan to recognize and celebrate your UNC Charlotte accomplishments. The University is considering in-person ceremony options in either August or December, and we expect to finalize these plans by May. Our [commencement website](#) and [FAQs](#) will also be updated with the latest information.

Commencement is one of our most cherished traditions, and we remain fully committed to celebrating this important day when we can ensure the health and safety of our graduates and their families. This is an extraordinary situation, and we appreciate your understanding, support, and patience. The enduring spirit of Niner Nation is one of resilience, and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Philip L. Dubois  
Chancellor

