



## DECEMBER 2020 COMMENCEMENT

Dear Red Raiders,

2020 has been a challenging year, and I am grateful for our campus community's resilience in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. Since last March, you have had to deal with changes in academic schedules, teaching methods, and various aspects of your college experience.

The pledge that we made to our students and the campus community at the outset of this pandemic was to provide a safe environment designed to protect you and your loved ones. That pledge includes a commitment to respond to and respect federal, state, and local guidance.

After much consideration by various University offices and the Student Government Association, we have decided to hold two types of commencement ceremonies for our fall graduates – in-person ceremonies on December 11th and 12th and a virtual one on December 19th.

The in-person ceremonies on December 11th and 12th will be different from our regular commencement exercises. We will make numerous modifications to accommodate social distancing restrictions, including restricted attendance to graduates and a limited number of guests. Despite these changes, we will recognize graduates as they walk across the stage, and we will take a photograph together.

All December graduates, including those who attend an in-person commencement, will be included in the virtual commencement ceremony on December 19th. If circumstances allow, we plan to have in-person ceremonies for our May and August 2020 graduates sometime in 2021.

The Commencement Office will be sharing additional details in the coming days, including a formal invitation that will require RSVP for those planning to attend the in-person ceremony. You can also check the [commencement website](#) for regular updates.

Thank you for your patience, perseverance, and continued commitment to what it means to be a part of the Texas Tech family.

Sincerely,

**Lawrence Schovanec**  
President  
Texas Tech University



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