May 15, 2020

Dear Graduating Seniors:

It is hard to believe that today is your last day of classes as an undergraduate! I continue to think of your class in a special way knowing just how this COVID-19 pandemic has uniquely impacted you and I am impressed with your resilience. I am writing today to share some important information relative to your class.

**Academic Regalia:** Graduates who planned to participate in the May 2020 Commencement exercises will receive their academic regalia (tassel, cap, hood and gown) via mail as soon as the University receives the shipment from Jostens. Packages will be shipped from the University to each student’s official mailing address using USPS. If you choose to decorate your cap, we encourage you to share it with us using the hashtag #USGRAD2020 on social media! Please remember that you will need this regalia for Commencement in October.

**Diplomas:** Diplomas will be printed and mailed to each student’s official mailing address following receipt of final grades and after verification that each May 2020 degree candidate has satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements. In order to receive your mailed diploma, candidates must satisfy all financial and other University obligations by Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

You can view the mailing address we have on file for you by logging into the my.scranton portal home page > Manage your Personal Info > Addresses and Phones. To update your mailing address, please visit the ORAS forms website. Questions related to academic attire or diplomas should be directed to the Office of the Registrar and Academic Services (ORAS) at registrar@scranton.edu.

**Celebrate Your Graduation: Submit A Video Clip:** While Commencement will be held in October, we look forward to celebrating our graduates virtually on May 29, 30, and 31st; details will be shared about these celebrations in the coming days. You are invited to share a 10 second video clip to celebrate your graduation, congratulate your classmates, share what you will remember most about Scranton, or tell us why you are proud to be a Scranton graduate! Videos must be uploaded to Sharepoint via this link by Tuesday, May 19th at 11:00pm to be considered for use in our efforts to celebrate you! A few tips if you use your phone – capture the video with your phone in the horizontal position, find a quiet room and be mindful of your background, have a light source (e.g. window) in front of you and not behind you, and have someone record you (or make a homemade stand to help).

**2020 Undergraduate Commencement Student Speaker:** After a voting process and review by Fr. Pilarz, I’m honored to announce that Grace Hambrose will serve as the 2020 Undergraduate Commencement Student Speaker when we gather in October for your Commencement celebration. Please join me in congratulating Grace!

Good luck as you complete your final exams and congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

Sincerely,

Dr. Davis