



May 18, 2020

Dear Members of the University Community,

As noted previously, we will send regular updates on Monday and Friday of each week with other notices sent by the President, other members of Cabinet or members of the University community when necessary.

Get Up-to-date Information at www.scranton.edu/covid-19.

Key Information and Communications to Expect This Week

- A message to staff and faculty from Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President, regarding necessary steps in response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, based upon motions passed by the Faculty Senate, **has extended the Spring 2020 Credit Satisfactory/Credit Deficiency/No Credit and Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading option into the regular and special Summer 2020 terms.** Academic departments will consider which courses or programs will be eligible for these grading options over the next two days. Because of accreditation or other important academic concerns, not all courses or programs will be eligible for this change. Students will be informed of any ineligible summer courses, as well as the process to be followed to request these grading modes, in an email on Wednesday, May 20.
- Graduating students will receive information from Dr. Gingerich about **virtual celebrations to be held on May 29, 30, 31**, the originally scheduled Commencement Weekend.

Updates

- Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D., Vice President for Student Life, provided information to members of **the Class of 2020 who planned to participate in the May exercises regarding the shipment of academic regalia to their home addresses**, which will be sent once the University receives the items from Jostens. Graduates were reminded that they will use their academic regalia at the Oct. 24-25 Commencement. Diplomas for graduates completing the University's degree requirements will be sent to their home addresses. Dr. Davis also provided information for graduates to submit a 10-second video message to their classmates. Submissions are due before Tuesday, May 19, at 11 p.m. to be considered for use in the virtual celebrations planned for May 29-31.

- Applications for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act grants or “**CARES Act Emergency Grants**” are now available. Students are **encouraged to complete the University’s grant application by May 20, 2020**, especially graduating and other students who will not be enrolled after the spring term.
- Students **may make an appointment to retrieve their belongings in residence halls between Tuesday, May 19, and Friday, June 5**. Students must adhere to the safety procedures established for this process, which include social distancing and other health and safety recommendations. Because of safety concerns and recommendations, the End of the Year Drive will not be conducted during move out. Further information about how students can retrieve their belongings can be seen [here](#).
- Approved, **safety-related repair work to the Parking Pavilion due to cited structural deficiencies will continue through Friday, June 5**. Parking in the Pavilion will not be allowed during this three-week period.
- The CTLE will offer **D2L Live Support during the week of Finals**:
 - **Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
 - The sessions will be held via Zoom. Instructors can attend the sessions anytime during the posted hours.
 - To join the Zoom meeting, please click [here](#). This information will also be available in the News widget in D2L.
 - Additionally, support will continue to be provided by email at d2lsupport@scranton.edu.

You should expect your next regular update on Friday.

Sincerely,

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