



May 29, 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](http://www.scranton.edu/covid-19).**

#### **Recap of Key Information and Communications**

- Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided an [update on planning for the fall semester](#).
- Dr. Gingerich also provided an [update on plans for virtual celebrations for the Class of 2020](#), which will be held May 29-31, include Class Night, Nurse Blessing of the Hands Awards Ceremony, ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, a Mass for the Class of 2020 and celebrations for the University's graduate and undergraduate classes.

#### **Updates**

- **Mailing of Graduating Student Commencement Attire and Yard Signs:** Caps, gowns and hoods were mailed to all students graduating with master's or doctoral degrees. Unfortunately, shipping problems with the supplier continues to delay the mailing of undergraduate regalia. We expect regalia to be mailed in the next two weeks. Relatedly, our partner has mailed all free or ordered yard signs, although we understand that some may still be in transit.
- **2020 Windhover Yearbook: Graduating seniors who have NOT yet scheduled to have senior portraits** taken (or have had appointments canceled), please know that we are working on several options to ensure that each senior has the opportunity to have their picture taken and be included in the yearbook. When permitted, we will be announcing locations in various cities where seniors can schedule individual appointments at a Lifetouch studio. We are also looking into additional on-campus options surrounding the graduation activities in October. Please be aware that the **2020 Windhover** yearbook will not be available to you in the fall as it typically had been in previous years. Because we are dedicated to including as much of your senior year and graduation as possible in the book, we are aiming for an early 2021 delivery date. For additional information, please contact a member of the Windhover team at [yearbook@scranton.edu](mailto:yearbook@scranton.edu).

- **Zoom information for (undergrad and graduate) graduating students** regarding your Zoom and email accounts:
  - Your Scranton Zoom accounts will be deactivated on June 1st. If you wish to continue using Zoom, please visit <https://zoom.us/> to review their options (Zoom offers a free option as well).
  - Scranton email accounts will remain active until November 1, 2020.
- Among several preparations for a return to campus, University Facilities is working with departments and divisional vice presidents to identify high traffic areas serving members of the University community that **might benefit from protective shields**. If you believe you have a high traffic area in your department, please discuss it with your department leadership. Supervisors can contact Jim Caffrey, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, at [james.caffrey@scranton.edu](mailto:james.caffrey@scranton.edu) to discuss their needs.
- Students may **make an appointment to retrieve their belongings in residence halls through to Friday, June 5**. Students must adhere to the safety procedures established for this process, which adhere to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC 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](#).
- The **Parking Pavilion will remain closed through June 5** to complete safety-related repair work related to cited structural deficiencies.
- The final edition for the semester of the Panuska College of Professional Studies e-newsletter “**PCPS Call to Care**” can be seen [here](#).

You should expect your next regular update on Monday.

**Congratulations to members of Scranton's Class of 2020.** Hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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