



Dear SCU Community,

I trust this email finds you and your families safe and in good spirits. My latest letter to the community was on September 1, 2020. In that letter, I confirmed our plans for the Fall Term Limited Campus Opening. I am writing today to share our plans for the Spring Term Limited Campus Opening. In addition, I would like to share important changes we are making to our Commencement ceremony.

As has been the case since mid-March, the campus will remain mostly closed throughout the Spring term. I know that this is a disappointment for many of us. We are ready to spend time face-to-face with our colleagues, classmates, and faculty. I am sure many of you would like to be relaxing in the glen, enjoying meals together, learning together in labs, and laughing together outside of class. We are committed to minimizing the number of faculty, students, and staff on campus in order to prioritize the health and safety of our community. This includes the following:

- All lecture courses will continue remotely.
- We will offer in-person clinical education as needed to allow students to graduate on time.
- We will offer in-person labs only if needed to allow students to graduate on time.
- Existing protocols – which have thus far worked very well – will remain in place to minimize the potential of exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- Remote and online services, resources, and activities remain available.
- Staff will continue to work from home unless engaged in essential on-campus activity.
- Faculty will continue to work from home unless engaged directly in lab or clinical instruction.

Also due to the global pandemic, we will be holding Virtual Commencement ceremonies in both December and May. Our Associate Vice President of Student Services Shelby Gugel has selected a company that will ensure that the ceremonies are both personal and professional, albeit remote. In addition, the current academic year will be our final year holding two commencements annually; as is the case with most Universities, we will hold one official University-wide commencement annually beginning with the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Shelby

Gugel will be working with ASB and with our Deans and Program Directors to ensure that there are opportunities to celebrate our graduates outside of the formal, annual University-wide commencement.

The Spring Term [Modified Instructional Delivery Plan](#) is included with this letter. Your Dean or Program Director is available to provide additional information specific to your program. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon – virtually for most of you, in-person for some of you!

My best,

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