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Dear Campus Community,

Colorado Mesa University will hold a virtual commencement on May 16, 2020, and an alternate, in-person ceremony on August 1, 2020.

CMU is committed to upholding this momentous event because commencement is one of the most honored traditions of the university. Commencement symbolizes a major milestone for those who participate, and is a moment of celebration for the family and friends who observe. Because of this significance, CMU has thoroughly assessed how to create options for graduates that sustain what is meaningful about the ceremony while protecting the community from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

It is highly unlikely that we will be in a position to have an in-person May graduation. Given the very remote likelihood of a traditional May ceremony students will need to choose in the near future the option of (1) a virtual ceremony in May or (2) a live ceremony in August. Our team will be sending you a selection form soon.

The virtual ceremony will include a broadcast of speakers and live video or a snapshot of each graduate accepting their diploma. We have reached out to other schools that are entirely online and have received good suggestions in terms of how to make an online graduation meaningful. This virtual event will occur on or around the previously scheduled graduation date. Students who choose this option will join CMU in trying something new and exciting in the face of a global challenge.

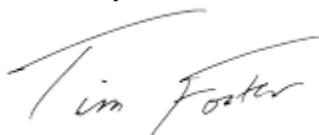
The second option is available for those who want to participate in a more traditional event. CMU will host an in-person commencement ceremony with a goal date of August 1, 2020.

Please know that regardless of when the ceremony is held, or if you participate in one, your degree/certificate will be awarded on a normal timetable.

I recognize there are questions you may have. I acknowledge there remain details to be worked out. We will however communicate more information as planning unfolds and as CMU moves you closer to selecting an option that is best for you.

Until then be safe and celebrate all that remains good about the future!

Sincerely,



President Tim Foster