

## Commencement FAQ's

### GENERAL

#### **Has a decision been made on the 2020 Commencement Ceremony?**

In accordance with state guidelines, the School of Veterinary Medicine, along with input from students and staff, had to make the difficult decision to commemorate the class of 2020 in a virtual celebration. There are plans for the students to gather later for a formal banquet to celebrate. More details will be released in the coming months.

#### **What is the purpose of the online celebration?**

To recognize and honor the 2020 UCD graduates of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

#### **When is the deadline to register for the virtual celebration?**

There are two deadlines; one to RSVP and record the phonetics of the students name and the second to upload a photo and special message.

Deadline:

- April 29 - RSVP and Phonetics
- May 6 - Photo upload and special message

#### **Will there be another ceremony offered in place of the in person commencement?**

There will be a formal graduate celebration banquet to honor and celebrate the class in the near future. This event will be extended to students and special guests only. We will continue to work with class leaders to narrow down a date for the celebration banquet in the next 6-8 months depending on CDC advisement.

### REGALIA

#### **Will I receive a refund for any grad pack purchases? How do I cancel my regalia order?**

If you have an active cap and gown and/or grad pack order it will be canceled and refunded with the exception of announcements and similar items. Watch for an email with a link to a new site with options available for the online celebration. Please Note: The cost for custom announcements of graduation will not be eligible for refund as these are produced at time of order and shipped to the home address.

#### **Can I or do I need to rent a cap/gown for the virtual celebration?**

Rental gowns will not be available for the online celebration photos, but you will have the option to purchase a "keeper" gown, hood, cap and tassel as a UC Davis gift and used for photo opportunities. All fees for these items will be covered by SAVMA and Student Programs.

#### **When does regalia ordering begin?**

Ordering will begin May 5, 2020 for regalia and other special items. Once order is place, there is a 3-day processing time. Please allow 10-14 days for delivery. Please order [here](#). Additional instructions can be found in [Canvas](#).

**Will my commencement announcements ordered from early spring still be shipped to my home?**  
Yes, any announcements ordered move immediately to production and are shipped to the home address.

**What additional commencement souvenirs are available?**

You can purchase commencement souvenirs and souvenir packages via the [UC Davis Stores website](#).

## GUESTS/FAMILY

**Will my family/friends receive a refund for travel?**

Please work directly with your airline, hotel and other travel companies in regards to their refund, credit and reimbursement policies.

**Are tickets required for the virtual celebration?**

No tickets will be required. You will receive an email with information on participating in the virtual celebration. We invite you to share this momentous occasion with all of your friends and family members.

## MISC

**How do I receive my diploma?**

Diplomas will be distributed on May 22, 2020 between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Gourley parking lot. See [Canvas](#), "Pages" tab for additional details.

- **Students with last names A-L:** pickup window is 8-9am
- **Students with last names M-Z:** pickup window is 9-10am
- Exact pickup location – See map in [Canvas](#), "Pages" tab.

**What if I cannot pick-up my diploma?**

If you cannot pick up in person:

1. Someone else can pick up for you on the pickup day (Friday, May 22 between 8-10am)
2. We can ship your items to you

If either of these applies to you, please fill out this [quick form](#).

**Will there be a closed captioning option?**

Yes, closed captioning will be included in the virtual celebration.