



Office of the President

July 29, 2020

Dear Faculty,

As you know, SMU is hosting its spring 2020 Commencement on the new date of August 15, 2020. Pending unforeseen events, the day includes two components: An abbreviated morning ceremony in Ford Stadium including the recognition of all attending graduates, and a day-long opportunity for students and their guests to recess through the Rotunda of Dallas Hall. The morning event will be live streamed for viewing in McFarlin Auditorium or remotely. Of course, should outside factors change, an alternate plan maintaining certain elements will be put into place.

I am inviting you to participate in Commencement in one of several ways, as appropriate and of interest:

- Ford Stadium Ceremony – you are invited to attend the event as an honored guest and be seated in a special guest location. We do not plan to have a formal faculty procession, but if you wish to participate as a marshal, that opportunity also exists as well. If you wish to attend in person and/or be a marshal, please RSVP [here](#).
- Virtual Participation – alternatively you have the opportunity to view the ceremony remotely from your home or office.

I hope you share with me the pride in our students' notable accomplishments. I am sure many of them will want you to

celebrate in whichever manner allows you to acknowledge their accomplishments, prioritizing the health and safety of you or other members of our community.

Finally, I wish to congratulate you as well for the mentoring, educating, and coaching you have provided these outstanding graduates during their SMU tenure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Gerald Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

R. Gerald Turner
President of SMU

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