

To: Montgomery College Community
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As we progress through the spring semester, many of us turn our thoughts to planning for commencement in May. While several possible in-person ceremony formats were considered, the College has decided to conduct a virtual event again this year. The pandemic conditions may be different in three months—hopefully in a positive way—but we must make decisions now based on what we know today. Gathering a crowd of thousands in person creates a potential risk to graduates and their families and friends, which seems unwise at this stage of the pandemic.

Therefore, the College will honor students and their academic success this spring with a prerecorded commencement ceremony. It will be livestreamed on May 20, 2022, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The extraordinary successes of our graduates will be highlighted by several special elements, including personalized participation by students.

Although this virtual format is not our traditional approach to seeing off our graduates, we have done it successfully for two years. For those of you who have seen the recent ceremonies, they have been vivid and exciting. We have been able to share students' pride and accomplishments through unique vantage points. Family and friends from around the world will also be able to share the celebration safely.

Please watch for more information on how you can participate and join in making commencement day special for our graduates.