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The Rush University community is saddened to share that the 48th Commencement Ceremony at the Credit Union 1 Arena will not take place in the same way as in previous years as a precaution against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This marks the first time in the in the university's 48-year history that this momentous occasion which honors students' academic achievements will not occur in the traditional manner. While the University is disappointed that we will not be able to celebrate student accomplishments in-person, please know that the Commencement Committee is diligently working to develop unique and creative alternatives.

We know commencement is a pivotal part of your experience at Rush University, and hope that as graduates of this institution you understand the importance of limiting large events during this time as we develop alternative plans to honor your achievements. We want to make sure that not only our graduates and their loved ones are safe, but that we are doing our part to curb the spread of COVID-19 for the health and safety of everyone in our communities.

Please notify your friends and family so that they may cancel any travel arrangements, but prepare for a virtual alternative.

The Class of 2020 Graduates can expect further communication from the Commencement Committee regarding the plans for **April 30, 2020** as soon as they become available. The committee will be including graduates in their discussions to determine special ways to celebrate all you have achieved during your time at Rush University.