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Dear graduate students who are graduating, or expect to graduate, in either 2020 or 2021,

As announced to the campus community on April 16 by President Rosenbaum and Provost Tirrell, the 126th commencement has been converted to a two-part celebration: a virtual conferring of degrees and graduate ceremony on June 12, followed by an in-person event when it is safe to do so. The June 12 virtual commencement will recognize graduate students who have completed all degree requirements by the week of June 8, 2020 (including approval by the thesis committee members and submission of the final version of the thesis).

The occasion of a subsequent in-person event provides a second opportunity to confer graduate degrees to students who were unable to complete their degree requirements by June due to the disruptive impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Specifically, graduate students completing their degree requirements by September 29, 2020 (the start of the Fall term) would be able to have their degrees conferred at the October 31, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

All graduate students with degrees conferred in 2020 - both June and October - will be recognized at the in-person ceremony.

Graduate students completing their degree requirements between September 30, 2020, and May 28, 2021 will be recognized at the June 2021 commencement.

Please note that once the terminal degree is officially conferred, students are ineligible to enroll for additional terms.

Congratulations on either completing your degree or approaching the end of your degree program, and keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas C. Rees". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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