May 14, 2021

Dear Mason Family:

I write today to announce a virtual commencement ceremony for all students in the College of Science. This decision was made in consultation with the Mason Office of the President and the Division of Student Life. We have been monitoring the evolving circumstances surrounding the pandemic, and in light of the ongoing health risks, as well as the availability of in-person social distancing, we have decided to hold an entirely virtual ceremony. This virtual ceremony will allow students to participate in the ceremony from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

To participate in the ceremony, students will need to have a Mason-issued email address and password. Once logged in, students will be able to access a virtual environment where they can view the live-streamed ceremony, interact with other attendees, and participate in virtual cap and gown photos. The ceremony will be live-streamed on the Mason YouTube channel, and a recording will be available afterwards.

In addition to the virtual ceremony, we will also be holding a series of mini-ceremonies for each college. These mini-ceremonies will be live-streamed on the Mason YouTube channel, and a recording will be available afterwards.

Please join us in celebrating this important milestone in your academic journey. We look forward to welcoming you to the Mason family and wish you all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Fernando R. Valdés-Wilkinson
Dean of Students