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From the Office of the Dean

Dear NYU Steinhardt Community,

As you just saw in President Hamilton's note, the University will postpone the 188th All-University Commencement Exercises. Needless to say, Spring, in-person celebrations for graduates of the NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development will also be re-imagined and re-designed.

I know this news is disappointing for our whole community, but especially for the Class of 2020. Graduation is a culminating experience, a time to acknowledge the work, dedication, and achievements of our students, a time for families and friends to celebrate a loved one's accomplishments.

NYU Steinhardt will host virtual celebrations in May: May 14, 2020 for our Doctoral celebration and May 19, 2020 for our Baccalaureate and Valedictory celebrations. Input from our graduating students will guide our design of May's virtual celebrations and any later in-person events. I have met – and will continue to meet – with undergraduate and graduate student government leaders about the importance of University and School festivities, both virtual and in-person. Shortly, I will share a survey with graduating students to further understand their desires and preferences.

With our community's input, we will honor our graduating students in new and innovative ways.

Warmly, Pamela