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Dear Graduating Senior,

As you may have heard by now, Chancellor Gallagher has announced the postponement of this spring's graduation ceremony. This decision was not made lightly, but it was necessary to ensure the health and safety of all members of our community amidst the ongoing pandemic. It saddens me greatly to share this news with you because I know how hard you have all worked over the years to get to this point. I always look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with you as you walk across the stage to receive your diploma while your families, friends and loved ones cheer you on! We look forward to hosting a graduation ceremony to celebrate your milestone moment after it is determined safe to have such large gatherings. In the meantime, we are working with faculty and staff to ensure you have a successful completion to the term.

Please heed the advice from CDC and other authorities during this trying period and continue to follow updates on our website including the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) . Also continue to monitor <https://www.emergency.pitt.edu/>.

We so much look forward to seeing you very soon!

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jem Spectar".

Jem Spectar
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