

Dear Luther College Spring 2020 Graduates,

The reason we are writing you today is that you are on the path to graduating from Luther College and the University of Regina this spring. Congratulations on your hard work and determination coming to a fruitful conclusion!

As we are sure many of you have already heard, the University of Regina has made the very difficult decision to cancel our upcoming spring 2020 Convocation ceremonies on June 4, 2020 as a result of the current COVID-19 situation. This was not an easy decision, but our priority at this time is the safety of our students and our community.

Luther College and the University of Regina as well as its other federated colleges are all considering how we can celebrate your successes even if the earliest that can be done is this fall, 2020. The planned fall convocation is usually a one day event, currently scheduled for October 16, 2020; expanding that to include our spring graduates is one possibility. Another is that we have a separate event altogether perhaps around the November fall break (November 12-14, 2020). It's also possible neither of these ideas will work out and we will have to celebrate your success in some other way, perhaps even virtually. So much depends on our community's progress against this virus as well as how other delayed plans from the spring will overlap into the fall.

What is sure is that pending successful completion of your program, you will still be a graduate of the University of Regina through Luther College this spring. You will receive your certificate in due course in the mail, but you are officially considered to be a graduate once Executive of Council approves graduation files at the meeting scheduled on May 20, 2020. What remains unsure at the time, is when and how we will be able to celebrate this significant accomplishment; as soon as something has been determined we will be in touch with you!

*In the meantime, please login to your UR Self-Service account and ensure your mailing address, phone, and email contacts are all up to date.*

Thanks for your patience. Obviously we are very sorry that we cannot celebrate your success with you through a spring convocation ceremony as originally planned but we trust you understand the necessity for what we are doing at the present time.

In the meantime, practice good physical/social distancing, stay healthy and best wishes in your final term.

Sincerely yours,

Tatum Cruise & Karen Prior