



From the Office of the President

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REGIS UNIVERSITY | DENVER, COLORADO

Commencement is Coming

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Dear Colleagues,

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour.”

Think back to March 2020, and the stunned state of shock and disbelief as the pandemic was disrupting our world, our nation, our state and our city. The rawness of the reality and the need to lean into the best available information and workarounds for our loved ones proved both confounding and exhausting.

For Regis University, it felt that we were draining our lifeblood through increased isolation and forced cancellation.

What a difference a year makes. We can begin to feel and know the new normal. Our optimism is cautious. Our hope is bridled. Yet, we are reintroducing opportunities back into the realm of the possible and probable.

With that, I am pleased to share that we are proceeding with our in-person commencement for Regis University, as originally planned, on May 1 and 2. We surveyed all those destined to matriculate in 2021 – and those deferred from 2020 – and despite the restrictions yet to be determined, the overwhelming response and desire was for a live ceremony.

We will continue to partner with the Colorado and Denver Departments of Public Health and Environment and make all the needed concessions to make this work. More to come.

For March 2021, I hope your faith and hope are awakened, too. I pray that serenity infuses your mindset, your spirit, and your hours.



Gratefully,

Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.
President