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Subject: Commencement announcement

Dear graduating students,

I can't imagine the roller coaster of emotions you all must be experiencing during this incredible time of uncertainty. One thing that is certain, we are very proud of the work you have done to become outstanding competent and compassionate physicians. All this at a time when health care workers are at the front line of a significant health care crisis. Welcome to the profession.

Soon you will find out where you will be spending the next 3 or more years of your lives. It's an exciting time, and I hope you are able to celebrate in some special way, while protecting our community, vulnerable patients and loved ones. I'm sad that this end of 4th year is not at all what we imagined it would be for you.

I understand you just received the message from the Chancellor announcing that Commencement 2020 is cancelled, too. Match Day and Commencement are the final two rites of passage we all look forward to celebrating with you. We are deeply disappointed that we won't have these traditional ceremonies to witness and share. So it is time to create your version of our WUSM commencement celebration. We would like to explore with you, ways we could celebrate YOU and recognize you as Doctors. We will be working through your class leadership to envision opportunities next week after the Match.

I hope to "see" you soon.

Be well,

Your Dean Leadership team

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