Class of 2020,

As you know, Delaware State University’s first virtual commencement is on Saturday, May 16, 2020. This is not only the first in our 129-year history but also one of the first-ever among colleges and universities in the United States. While non-traditional, this is one of two options for you to celebrate your historic achievement and is done to ensure your safety during the global COVID-19 pandemic. You will also have an opportunity to participate in an in-person ceremony in the Fall.

Students, we cannot express enough how proud you have made us all. You have dealt with the disappointments and challenges of the COVID-19 crisis and are overcoming incredible obstacles to complete your coursework. These are moments that will make you and your family stronger for many years to come. As such, we want to make sure your ceremony is special.

During commencement, there will be some traditional ceremonial elements such as the singing of the National Anthem, Greetings from the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the President’s Welcome remarks, a keynote address from TV personality Mr. Ukee Washington and several important reflections from your classmates. We are planning a few special surprises as well.

Rest assured that your name will be called, and your photo will be shown as President Allen confers your degrees!

We will discuss the entire ceremony and your participation at our weekly University forum, 
**Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 11 a.m.** We encourage all of our graduating seniors, candidates for Master’s and Doctoral degrees to log in. We want your active voice and participation in this historic occasion. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Saundra DeLauder, Ph.D.  Terrell Holmes, Ed.D.
Provost  Registrar

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