

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL of SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS

July 6, 2020

Dear OSSM Community:

Congratulations to OSSM's Class of 2020! I look forward to a long awaited, much deserved and hard-earned graduation ceremony.

Unfortunately, due to the recent sharp rise in COVID-19 cases and upon the advice of the Attorney General's office, we have had to adjust our graduation plans.

First, I am sorry to inform you that we cannot have the graduation at the Oklahoma State Capitol because they are not accepting event reservations. We considered having the ceremony in our gym where we most recently hosted the 2019 Convocation; however, for safety reasons and after much discussion and debate, we decided upon a more informal set-up with individual families spread out seated on their own chairs and blankets. Each graduate will be given four guest tickets that will be mailed out shortly. Everyone entering the campus will be asked to sign a waiver indicating that s/he understands the risks for attending the event and will hold OSSM harmless.

Sadly, we cannot have seniors stay overnight at the school either before or after the event as we had planned, but will have to ask all visitors to leave following the ceremony. Due to the COVID-19 situation, our campus has been closed to visitors since spring break; in an abundance of caution, we restrict both the number of people we allow on campus and the length of time they are on school grounds.

Please understand that we have had to further limit the number of guests given the current circumstances and apologize for any inconvenience.

As you and your guests make your plans, please be mindful of the current weather and health conditions. We strongly encourage attendees to wear masks and ask anyone who might be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have underlying health conditions not to attend.

We have hired a professional photographer who will make photos available later for purchase. The traditional cap toss photo will be taken at the state Capitol prior to the rehearsal on Friday afternoon. Our plan is to have students receive a print photo taken at the Capitol later in the day.

In the event of severe weather, the ceremony will be held the following day, Saturday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m.

We appreciate your continued patience as we adjust to current conditions and celebrate the Class of 2020!

Sincerely,

Frank Wang, Ph.D.
President
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P.S. Students are reminded to adhere to the dress and conduct code as outlined in the student handbook while on campus.