



**GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY**

*From the desk of* BRIAN MUELLER, PRESIDENT

Given the recent developments surrounding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the restrictions placed on travel and large social gatherings, GCU has no choice but to postpone graduation ceremonies that are scheduled for April and early May. The health and well-being of our GCU community and visitors to campus is of the utmost importance.

Online commencement ceremonies scheduled for April 30 and May 1 have been postponed until October.

To reschedule the ceremonies for traditional students, I have met with a number of student leaders and have presented to them an idea in which we would postpone the commencement ceremonies planned for April 24 and instead create a reunion/graduation weekend in December. Students could travel on a Saturday and participate in a reunion event that evening, possibly surrounding a GCU basketball game. On Sunday morning, a worship service would be scheduled followed by commencement ceremonies, giving students enough time to return home on Sunday afternoon or evening.

We realize the on-campus experience has come to an abrupt end this week for many graduating seniors who have studied and lived alongside one another for four years. We hope the December event provides an opportunity to reunite with their classmates and celebrate their accomplishments at commencement among family and friends.

A survey will be sent in the coming days to all April graduation candidates to determine their interest in attending such an event.

**Sincerely,  
Brian Mueller  
GCU President**