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# Class of 2020 Commencement Planned for August

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Wesleyan University plans to celebrate the Class of 2020 during a traditional outdoor Commencement ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Kemp Commencement Plaza in front of State Farm Hall.

*If circumstances change based on guidance from the governor's office and public health officials in response to COVID-19, this story will be updated and we will communicate any changes to the Class of 2020, their families and our campus community.*

The ceremony, traditionally held in May, was rescheduled due to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines limiting large events and mass gatherings in the U.S. amid the global COVID-19 pandemic.

“I know this isn’t the end-of-year scenario you had hoped for, but the extraordinarily resilient Class of 2020 and their experiences with Illinois Wesleyan are, if anything, cherished even more as we’ve maintained our connections online during these challenging times,” President S. Georgia Nugent wrote in a letter to the Class of 2020 and their families.

In addition to Commencement, an event to honor seniors will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1.

In the event of heavy rains or severe weather alerts, the Commencement ceremony will be relocated indoors to the Shirk Center. For students and families who are unable to attend, the ceremony will also be live streamed.

All information regarding Commencement is posted, and will be updated as needed, at: [www.iwu.edu/commencement](http://www.iwu.edu/commencement).



The Illinois Wesleyan Class of 2019 was celebrated during Commencement.

*By John Twork*