



Celebrating Graduates and Planning for Fall 2021



Today, President Neufeldt shares some encouraging updates as the university prepares to safely celebrate the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021. It has always been a matter of when, not if, we would be able to safely come together. It is with great optimism that we're planning two options to honor the achievements and perseverance of our inspiring graduates.

In close partnership with county public health officials, we are working diligently on plans to host two options, which will both be livestreamed online:

- A more traditional in-person commencement ceremony; and
- Graduates on Parade, which will become an annual tradition for CSUSM graduates.

More information about these two celebrations – including event dates and times, guest policies, guidelines for participation and answers to frequently asked questions – will be shared by the Commencement Office by April 1. We know you are eager to know more, and we appreciate your patience as we gather all those details together. It is important to note that an in-person ceremony is dependent on state and county public health guidelines.

We know how important this milestone is and we are excited to offer two options to best meet the diverse needs and interests of our graduates and their families.

Looking ahead to fall 2021

In all decision making, we are guided by our core priorities: our people, student success, the long-term sustainability of our university, and our commitment to innovation. These priorities are at the forefront of our fall 2021 planning.

Our Return to Campus fall plans are being determined in consultation with public health officials and through ongoing consultation with students, faculty, staff and university leadership. We've held town halls, open forums and conducted surveys to solicit feedback from all campus constituents. While plans are still being formalized and shaped by evolving federal and state guidelines, the university is preparing to offer more in-person, on-campus experiences in the fall. These plans include all modalities (in-person, hybrid and virtual/online instruction).

To learn more about the planning process, the five work groups that have been established or to provide your feedback, visit the [Return to Campus](#) website. We will continue to share information about fall 2021 as plans are formalized.

Thank you for all that you continue to do on behalf of our campus community. It is inspiring to see our collective pioneering and innovative spirit.

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