

From the Office of the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I will not give you my weekly update, since we await Governor Baker's "phased" opening on May 18, 2020. We are hoping it will include instruction on the resumption of dental services.

We are still planning on a phased opening with:-

Online training modules prior to June 1.

June 1 - Phase 1a opening of clinics for AG Programs

June 15 - Phase 1 b opening for DMD students

More details will be shared Monday/Tuesday of next week.

I would like to end the week with a thought and message to our IS/D20 class.

REFLECTION: See you at 2.00 PM Sunday (Doctor).

On Sunday, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine will honor all the members of the Class of 2020 at a "Virtual Commencement Ceremony."

TUSDM Virtual Commencement Ceremony at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 17th!

<https://commencement.tufts.edu/coverage/dentalmedicine2020/>

The ceremony will honor the accomplishment of each member of the class of IS/D20 and our Masters students. Fathers, mothers, spouses, loved ones, children will all be proud of what these students have achieved. Think about it! Think of the four years that have gone by so quickly. Arrival to Boston - a City and home that invited you in as mere "novices". The trials and tribulations of a rigorous basic science curriculum (gross anatomy seems so far away). Being able to pick up a handpiece and learn a whole new set of skills in operative dentistry. Failing in something for the first time in a long time and wondering "Am I really cut out to do this?". Persevering. Not giving up. Falling and getting up. Again, again and again. A second year with more preclinical work-canals travelled, "preps" with no undercuts, scalers with cutting edges positioned, rubber base with no "bubbles". And then back to feeling unprepared for anything. In clinics. Yet under the watchful eyes of PCs and instructors and staff to help - progress. The confidence growing with every procedure. The ability to communicate with and help patients ever so gratifying. The community engagement, global service learning, research all leading to tremendous growth. And now-you are here. About to receive your degree. About to be called Dr. Yes, lets honor this class on Sunday. "See you at 2.00 PM on Sunday (Doctor)."

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