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In-person ceremonies for both universities are tentatively planned for the fall, and will be determined based on health and safety guidance from the federal and state Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The Commencement Committee desired to plan a virtual recognition event that would be special, meaningful and memorable for the Class of 2020," says Kimberly Whitehead, UMaine Chief of Staff and Commencement coordinator. "We are excited to celebrate and honor the achievements of our Class of 2020 graduates, outstanding students and faculty members through the student recognition weeks. We extend best wishes and congratulations to our graduates."

UMaine's Class of 2020 Recognition Week is May 4-9, featuring congratulatory messages and videos on the Commencement website. The daily postings at 10 a.m. will include messages from President Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Chancellor Dannel Malloy, UMS Board of Trustees Chair James Erwin, student leaders, administrators, faculty members, alumni and friends of the university. Videos include highlights of the past year, interviews with valedictorian Sierra Yost and salutatorian Grace Smith, and the popular Alfond Stadium scoreboard with the running list of Class of 2020 graduates. A virtual yearbook also will be online.

UMM Class of 2020 graduates will be celebrated with an online Recognition Ceremony on May 30 at 1 p.m. The event will feature brief remarks from President Ferrini-Mundy, Head of Campus Dan Qualls and Rep. Will Tuell, an alumnus. Information about how to access the virtual ceremony will be posted online.

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