



Alcorn
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Dear Alcorn State University Community,

I am writing to inform you that the Spring 2020 Commencement and Alumni Reunion Weekend will be postponed until further notice. This was not an easy decision as we are keenly aware of the importance and significance of this day for our graduates and their families.

Graduating from Alcorn is one of the major highlights and milestones in your journey. Celebrating your accomplishments with family, friends, and the University is a special moment that we know you have dreamt about from the first day you set foot on the campus until you could take your last final exam. For those of you who are first in your family to earn a college degree, we understand walking across the stage is an even more poignant and life-defining moment.

When the latest Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations were released, indicating that for the next 8 weeks' organizers should cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 or more people, it became obvious what our decision needed to be. Additionally, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) recommendations are that traditional commencement exercises be indefinitely postponed.

Given that Alcorn's Commencement activities garner crowds of thousands, and the numerous elders and children regularly in attendance, we will postpone the event to avoid the potential for additional virus spread. Plans to appropriately honor Alcorn Spring 2020 graduates will be discussed and revealed when the national emergency is concluded.

Forever Brave,

Felecia M. Nave
President