

## UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: May 9 Phoenix Commencement Postponed

March 17, 2020

Dear Students,

Exercising an abundance of caution for the health of our students and their families, it is with a heavy heart that I am announcing the postponement of our Phoenix Commencement, scheduled for May 9, 2020. All indications from credible health officials, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization, are that we will see many more cases of COVID-19 before we see fewer, and that the pandemic may be with us for some time. Consequently, large gatherings are being cancelled all across the country, including sporting events, conferences, festivals and other commencements.

We take great pride in the achievements of our graduates, and Commencement is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, which is why we made this decision only after careful consideration of the potential risk to you and your loved ones.

As noted above, we will reschedule the Commencement and notify you well in advance when we have information to share. Please also monitor the special microsite we've created to keep you abreast of our actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic at [www.phoenix.edu/COVID19](http://www.phoenix.edu/COVID19).

Once again, we are disappointed to share this news, but we look forward to celebrating your achievement in the not-too-distant future!

If you have any questions, please email us at [uopxcommencement@phoenix.edu](mailto:uopxcommencement@phoenix.edu). Thank you.

Best wishes,

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