March 25, 2020

Dear Students,

Exercising an abundance of caution for the health of our students and their families, it is with a very heavy heart that I am announcing the cancellation of our Orlando Commencement, scheduled for June 6, 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 to come. 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 the pandemic continues to progress, please continue to you abreast of our actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic at www.phoenix.edu/COVID19.

Once again, we are extremely disappointed to share this news. If you have any questions, please email us at uopxcommencement@phoenix.edu. Thank you and stay healthy.

Best wishes,

John Woods, Ph.D.
Chief Academic Officer and Provost