

To: PhD Candidates
Date: April 9, 2021
Subject: Cancellation of Hooding Celebration

Dear PhD Candidates,

I reluctantly inform you that I must cancel the hooding ceremony that was tentatively scheduled for April 24th. We were all looking forward to celebrating your achievements with the familiarity of the hooding tradition. Unfortunately there were pandemic-related safety concerns from the university and we must respect their decision in the interests of everyone. I've already told your program directors and my hope is your individual programs will find creative and fun ways to celebrate this milestone in your life. I know it's not the same, but an unrelenting side effect of this pandemic is compromise, which is what we'll have to do.

With kind regards,
Dr. S-K