



THE Fence Post

NEWS FOR CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY FAMILIES

FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

As I think about the 2020-21 academic year coming to a close, the word "significant" comes to mind. The CMU experience has been transformed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and I have witnessed our community come together to innovate, collaborate and support each other in significant new ways. I'm so proud of our students, who created community and embraced friends remotely, and my CMU colleagues, who share knowledge and provide support to all as we persevere through a difficult time together.

While we all process the losses of this year due to COVID-19, there is also so much to gain inspiration from and gratitude for. Our graduating students are the definition of grit, adaptability and determination, and they have learned a set of skills that will serve them in perpetuity as they transition out of their undergraduate experience. Please accept my enthusiastic congratulations to all of our graduating students for their hard work and this significant achievement.

For those of you whose students are graduating, I have appreciated the opportunity to get to know so many of you as parents and family members. It's been a personal joy to watch and support your students during their Carnegie Mellon journey. Just as our students will always be a part of the CMU family, so will all of you as our family members of alumni. I hope we find reasons for our paths to cross again.

Congratulations to our graduates and their families.

Warmly,

Julie Schultz

Associate Dean for First-Year Orientation and Family Engagement

COMMENCEMENT 2021

[President Farnam Jahanian's Message about Commencement](#)

[Diplomas, Caps and Gowns, Graduation Announcements and more](#)

[Commencement FAQs](#)

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

PiperTV

The newly launched PiperTV is an ongoing video series that showcases the important stories, creative students and upcoming events happening at CMU. [Check out CMU's Instagram IGTV for the latest episodes!](#)

@cmufarnam

Did you know that CMU President Farnam Jahanian has his own Instagram account? He does! [Follow him for CMU news and special announcements.](#)

Go Tartans!

CMU Tartans resumed intercollegiate athletics competition on March 6! [The spring schedule is on the CMU Athletics website, and games are streamed there when possible.](#)

CMU NEWS

[CMU and Pitt Launch Center Dedicated to Combating Extremist Hate](#)

[CMU Recognized for Commitment to First-Gen Students](#)

[Anticipate the Turn](#)

UPCOMING DATES

- **April 7:** Tartan Family Webinar Series: [Spring Carnival: How It Started vs. How It's Going](#)
- **April 10:** [Greek Sing](#)
- **April 10:** [Lunar Gala](#)
- **April 15-17:** [Virtual Spring Carnival](#), No Classes
- **April 28:** Tartan Family Webinar Series: [Carnegie Mellon Family Social Hour](#)

- **May 5:** [Dickson Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture](#)
- **May 10-18:** Final Exams
- **May 12:** Tartan Family Webinar Series: [Students Today, Alumni Forever](#)
- **May 23:** [Commencement](#) (Bachelor's Degree Candidates)

For additional important dates, explore the full [CMU calendar of events](#) and the revised [Spring 2021 academic calendar](#).

RESOURCE QUICKLINKS

Visit the [Family and Parents website](#) for resources available to you and your student in the areas of [academics](#), [health and wellness](#), [finances](#), [safety](#) and [student affairs](#). You can also access [past issues of The Fence Post](#) on the site.

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