Date: April 27, 2020

To: GSU 2020 Graduates

From President Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.

Subject: A Message About Your Commencement Regalia

Congratulations on earning your degree from Governors State University! You have worked hard to reach this milestone. We are proud to welcome you into the company of educated women and men.

Your education has prepared you to navigate ambiguity. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis has upended life for all of us and forced the postponement of GSU’s 2020 Commencement ceremonies. All of us in the GSU community will be living a different month of May this year. What we will miss the most is seeing the joy in your eyes as you walk ceremonially across the stage.

We are pleased to inform you about a small silver lining. Jostens will be sending your Commencement regalia directly to you at the address you used when placing your order. You will be able to wear the regalia for photos of the special moments in your own personal and virtual celebrations. Expect your regalia to arrive in approximately six weeks.

Please keep your cap, gown, tassel (and hood, if applicable) in a safe place to wear during the rescheduled ceremony.

We look forward to seeing your photos online in the weeks to come. Stay healthy, as you celebrate privately in May and anticipate the full Commencement experience when it is safe.

Congratulations on your achievement.