Dear College of Education Community,

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The Educere — Let us see this new commencement as another opportunity to showcase the COE community's strength and alumni of the COE to easily attend virtually to celebrate our graduates. I invite you to join us for the COE Commencement at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 14. We will send details soon.

Yet, while we cannot share this moment face to face this year, our new ceremony format allows friends and family to easily view this virtual celebration of our graduates. We will provide more information about how to participate in this new virtual format soon.

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