



To: Our full college community
From: Mr. Liberatoscioli, President
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Re: Notice of postponing the graduation originally scheduled for Monday March 16, 2020

Good afternoon all college community members:

As you are all aware, the current climate in Philadelphia, as well as in the rest of the country, is one of caution and preemptive measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We feel strongly that it is our responsibility to keep our college community safe and healthy by avoiding large gatherings, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the Pennsylvania Health Department. ***With your health and the health of your loved ones in mind, we have decided to exercise an abundance of caution and POSTPONE the March Commencement Ceremony originally scheduled on Monday, March 16, 2020.***

As everyone understands, the tristate region, our country, and the world continues to be challenged with the news of the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

The college leadership has been very closely monitoring all developments:

- *The Health and Safety Team* has been monitoring the events surrounding COVID-19, and we continue to do so.
- We have been briefed on the virus news, but only from legitimate sources.
- We have relied primarily on the federal government's primary health and medical authority, the *Centers for Disease Control (CDC)* and are following their recommendations.
- We have also monitored reports from the *Departments of Health for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Delaware.*
- As a college, we have also received information and updates from the *United States Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Education,* and our national accrediting commission.
- Our "*Health and Safety Team*" is being briefed several times per day.
- Based on recommendations by the city of *Philadelphia*, as well as many municipalities, are "recommending" avoiding large gatherings.
- *Walnut Hill College* is enhancing all cleaning, sanitation, and health and safety measures.

POSTPONING THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY TO A LATER DATE:

Because the reports about the virus concerns and precautions are changing almost hourly, the college has not selected a new date for the commencement ceremony. You will certainly receive updates.

Thank you for your understanding.