



Message to All OLLU Community

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Sent from President Melby (President's Office email box) to AnnouncementsAll

May commencement cancelled, will be combined with December ceremony

For many of us at Our Lady of the Lake University, commencement is the highlight of the academic year. It is a time of pride, excitement for the future of our graduates and knowledge of a job well done. Making the decision to postpone this event is very difficult, but it is now clear that **commencement exercises cannot take place as scheduled on May 7**. To give our graduates and their families time to adjust travel and other plans, we needed to make this announcement now.

At this time, we are planning to **combine spring and fall graduation and hold one large ceremony on Dec. 10**. The whole OLLU family will come together to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. We normally use only half of the Freeman Coliseum for a ceremony. For this combined commencement, we will use the entire coliseum to accommodate the larger group.

In the meantime, here is some helpful information:

- Printed graduation announcements ordered through Texas Recognition, the official university commencement vendor, have been put on hold; graduates who ordered announcements through Texas Recognition will receive instructions from the vendor.
- Graduation rings ordered through Texas Recognition will be delivered as originally scheduled.
- Graduation regalia orders also have been put on hold by Texas Recognition.
- Students who complete graduation requirements at the end of the spring semester will have their degrees conferred and will receive their diplomas. Postponement of the ceremony will not postpone official completion of the degree.

As we are dealing with this challenging time, let us remember that OLLU has celebrated commencement exercises for 122 years. We are an enduring community built on the faith and heritage of the Sisters of Divine Providence. We will emerge from this time stronger and more deeply rooted in our faith and trust in Providence.

I look forward to greeting our graduates on the commencement stage in December.

Sincerely,
Diane E. Melby
President

