

The background is a deep red color. In the center, there is a large, faint, circular seal of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. The seal features a central figure holding a book, surrounded by the text "UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI—ST. LOUIS" and "1820". The seal is partially obscured by the main text and decorative elements. Scattered throughout the background are small, golden, rectangular confetti pieces. Two thick, golden streamers with a textured, metallic appearance are draped across the top right and bottom of the page. The text "UMSL" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font at the top center.

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University of Missouri–St. Louis

Virtual Commencement

Spring 2021

Celebration Toolkit

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CONGRATULATIONS



#UMSLGRAD!

You have so much to be proud of and we are excited to celebrate with you in a unique way.

UMSL Virtual Commencement Spring 2021
May 15, 2021

Join us virtually at www.umsl.edu/commencement

College of Arts and Sciences **9:00 AM CT**

College of Education/SUCCEED **11:00 AM CT**

College of Business Administration **1:00 PM CT**

College of Optometry **2:00 PM CT**

College of Nursing **3:00 PM CT**

UMSL/Washington University Joint Engineering Program **5:00 PM CT**

School of Social Work **5:00 PM CT**

We planned a virtual celebration of Spring and Summer 2021 Graduates so that you can remotely share this moment with your family, friends and community. Virtual commencement includes a main website and college specific websites with videos, speeches, graduate recognition, conferral of degrees and much more!

This toolkit includes information and resources you can use to make your celebration special. You'll find:

- Electronic invitations
- Ways to participate
- Celebration checklist
- Social media sharables
- and more!

If you have questions, visit www.umsl.edu/commencement or contact Executive Events at 314-516-5789 or commencement@umsl.edu.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

We bring commencement to you this semester! Follow these steps on commencement day at your college's designated ceremony time:

1. **Go to www.umsl.edu/commencement.**
2. **Click the link to view virtual ceremonies.**
3. **Watch the videos on the main commencement site.**
4. **From the main site, access your college-specific ceremony page.**
5. **View and download graduate slide on main site or college specific ceremony.**



MAIN COMMENCEMENT SITE

- A welcome message from Chancellor Kristin Sobolik
- Messages from UM System and UMSL campus leadership
- Commencement Address from Darrion Cockrell, 2021 Missouri Teacher of the Year
- Alumni welcome message
- Downloadable graduate slides



COLLEGE-SPECIFIC CEREMONY

- Message from the dean
- Conferral of degrees and turning of tassels
- Presentation of graduates
 - Doctoral
 - Master's
 - Bachelor's
- Downloadable Spring 2021 Commencement Program booklet

Engage with other graduates and the UMSL community on social media or through the chat feature on umsl.edu/commencement.

TECH SUPPORT

To view virtual commencement, you need an internet connection and an internet-supported device such as a computer, smart TV, smartphone or tablet. There is no live, on-camera component.



AT-HOME CELEBRATION CHECKLIST



INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Download our electronic invite or social grad announcement to inform your supporters of your graduation.



STOCK UP ON FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR YOUR PARTY

St. Louis favorites include Fitz's Root Beer, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, toasted ravioli, beer from one of the many local breweries, Goopy Butter Cake and local BBQ.



PRINT SIGNS TO HANG UP AROUND THE ROOM

Download any of our signs and banners to decorate your space.



TEST YOUR INTERNET CONNECTION AND TECHNOLOGY

For optimal viewing, project commencement onto the TV so everyone can see.



TUNE IN AT YOUR COLLEGE'S DESIGNATED TIME

Use the chat function to engage with other graduates and the UMSL community during your designated ceremony time.



SET UP A GROUP VIDEO CALL WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Download our fun virtual backgrounds.



POST PHOTOS OF YOUR CELEBRATION

Use #UMSLGRAD and share it with us on social media.



ENGAGE WITH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Visit www.umslalumni.org to learn about all the benefits offered to our alumni.






CELEBRATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

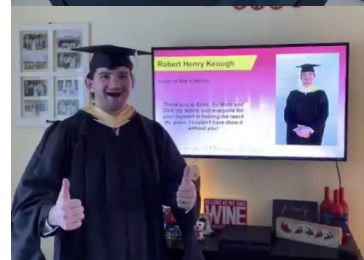
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CONNECT WITH US:



SHARE YOUR CELEBRATORY MOMENTS BY POSTING:

-  Your decorated mortarboard
-  You in regalia
-  Your at-home celebration
-  What is next for you and how you will use the connections made at UMSL to get there?
-  Your favorite UMSL memory



WAYS TO CELEBRATE

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Download this electronic invitation to invite your family and friends to tune in for your virtual commencement from anywhere in the world. Share the grad announcements with your followers.



University of Missouri–St. Louis

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Join me on May 15.
I'm starting my journey
as an UMSL Alum!

University of Missouri–St. Louis

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I'm ready to
transform lives!

University of Missouri–St. Louis

JUST GRADUATED

and ready to make
a difference.

University of Missouri–St. Louis

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SOCIAL GRAPHICS

FACEBOOK FRAMES



SOCIAL COVER PHOTOS

Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn cover photos available at umsl.edu/commencement/digital-downloads



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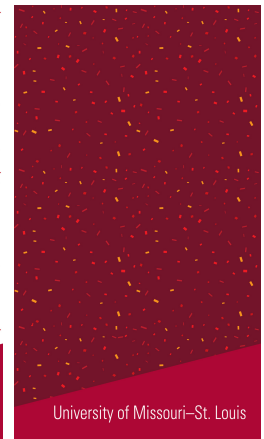
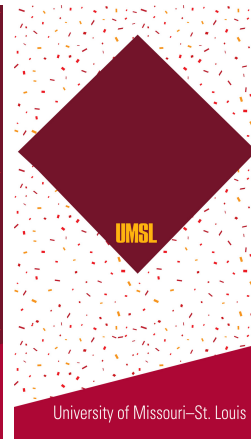
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VIRTUAL BACKGROUNDS

All college-specific backgrounds available at umsl.edu/commencement/digital-downloads



INSTAGRAM STORY TEMPLATES



ANIMATED GIFS



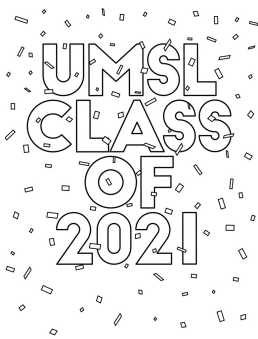
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MORE WAYS TO CELEBRATE

PRINTABLE SIGNS AND BANNERS



COLORING PAGES FOR KIDS



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