

MAY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY POSTPONED

“We are deeply appreciative of the entire community for their patience and understanding as we continue to maneuver through this unprecedented pandemic. The ongoing uncertainty and progressing nature of the COVID-19 public health crisis has left us no other choice than to postpone the graduation ceremony. It is best to push it back to a time when it is safer for our students, their families, and our faculty and staff to come together and celebrate,” said Chancellor Rodney A. Ellis.

Spring Commencement slated for Monday, May 18, 2020 has been postponed until further notice. Upon receipt of the new date, an email notification will be distributed to students SUSLA and personal email address on file in the Registrar’s Office.

As a result of the postponement, the following revisions have been made to graduation activities and/or requirements for Summer 2019, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 degree completers.

- **Graduation Fair:** The graduation Fair, scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2020, has been cancelled.
- **Regalia:** Students who submitted cap and gown orders by March 15, 2020 will receive an email notification with the rescheduled date, time, and location for pick-up.
- **Invitations:** Students who paid the commencement participation fee by March 15, 2020 will receive an email notification with the rescheduled date, time and location for pick-up.
- **Graduation Photos:** J Brown Photography is the official photographer for SUSLA graduation photos. Students who paid for graduation photos by March 15, 2020 will receive an email notification with the rescheduled date, time and location for pick-up.
- **Graduate Proficiency Exam:** For prospective graduates pursuing an Associates degree and scheduled to take the exam in March, this graduation clearance requirement has been waived
- **Graduation Clearance Form:** Students who need to submit the graduation clearance form will receive an email notification with the rescheduled deadline date for submission.
- **Commencement Participation Fee:** Students are able to pay the \$75 participation fee through their Self-Service Banner account under the Payment and Payment Plan Processing link. Enter the amount in the Pre-Paid Tuition and Fees option and complete the transaction.
Honor Cord Distribution: Eligible students will receive an email notification with the rescheduled date, time and location for pick-up. Please review the Commencement Guide for GPA criteria.

Should you have additional questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact the Registrar’s Office at registraroffice@susla.edu.