

I-E: Example of Student Involvement in Governance
Email Between SON and Class President for Graduating BSN Class

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Tracy Fathi <tracy.fathi@gcsu.edu>
Cc: Debby MacMillan <debby.macmillan@gcsu.edu>
Subject: Re: Graduating Seniors

Good morning!

I've gotten a good bit of feedback from my cohort. Overall, everyone likes the idea of a virtual pinning and appreciates the sentiment of it. There were a few questions and concerns: Will we still have a pinning ceremony before commencement once we are able to have it? A few people expressed being more excited for the pinning ceremony than actual graduation. A handful of our cohort is not at home with their families, and some are in their Milledgeville homes without roommates. For some that are home, their parents are still having to go to work at essential businesses and may not be able to physically pin them. They are all interested in a virtual ceremony but I do think these are some points to keep in mind as we try to accommodate everyone. Someone made a point that Zoom or WebEx will likely lag with so many people on a "conference call". To combat this, I think it would be helpful to have anyone who joins that is not student or faculty keep their microphone and camera off.

Even if not everyone has someone to pin them, I think the most important/best part would be showing the slideshow via screen share and announcing each of our plans after graduation so we can celebrate each other. If we are hoping to have an in person ceremony in the future, we could choose to go more the celebration-route rather than the ceremony-route. We could all dress up or dress in scrubs, have each name and future plan read and cheered for, have instructors speak if they want, possibly have a toast at the end. I know this is more casual than what a pinning ceremony would typically be, but as we well know by now, life is very atypical right now :) I hope this helps and let me know what else I can do!

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On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 9:40 AM Tracy Fathi <tracy.fathi@gcsu.edu> wrote:
Good Morning Savannah,

Hope you are doing well! Dr. MacMillan and I wanted to follow up to see if you and your cohort have had a chance to discuss the idea of a virtual pinning ceremony? Were there any other suggestions?

Please let us know what we can do to make this as special as possible for you and your cohort given the circumstances 😊

Take care!

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Savannah:

I am so pleased that you reached out to us about this. I was thinking that I needed to contact your cohort and talk with you about what we might could do to try and make things a bit more special for you. I certainly think we can mail the pins and cohort pictures to each of you. If you will take the responsibility of getting all the contact information that would be wonderful. Do you think your cohort would like to have a virtual celebration? Perhaps we could arrange a way for your family could present your pins. I really want to make this the "best it can be" in the situation. If we could do a WebEx meeting room we could even call out your names and give the student awards and recognitions. Please poll your classmates and let's get a sense of what they might like.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions.

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