

## Fall 2020 Graduation Information

For your safety and the safety of your families, our employees and our entire community, Dalton State has made the difficult decision to conduct Dalton State's Fall 2020 Graduation Ceremony in a virtual format. Given the continued indoor social distancing requirements, cleaning protocols, and limited outdoor facilities, we are unable to hold an in-person ceremony at this time.

We know this news is disappointing for you and your families, and we share in your disappointment. Your years of hard work and dedication deserve to be recognized and celebrated. While we can't be together in person, we still want to celebrate your accomplishments. In addition to the virtual ceremony, we will be offering a variety of options for you to celebrate safely.

If you want to come and take selfies and other photos with your friends and family, the stage in Goodroe Auditorium which is located in Gignilliat Memorial Hall will be set up for graduation between Monday, December 7, and Friday, December 18. We will email you by November 16<sup>th</sup> with the link to sign up for a socially distanced photography time slot. Of course, you can always take photos elsewhere on campus without signing up. The Burran Belltower, for example, is a popular background for graduate photos.

We will be mailing graduation programs and honor cords by Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Your diploma will be mailed from an outside vendor by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Your diploma will be mailed from an outside vendor by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you choose to sign up for a photography time slot, you may pick up your honor cord in the enrollment services office before you take your photos. Cords will be individually bagged and labeled. If you would like to order graduation regalia, you may purchase these items through [Herff Jones](#) through November 18<sup>th</sup> at <https://herff.ly/daltonstate>.

Dalton State's [Fall 2020 Virtual Graduation Ceremony](#) will be found on <https://www.daltonstate.edu/academics/online-celebration.cms>. The pre-recorded ceremony will be available for viewing beginning at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 15. You will also find virtual swag on the site you can use on your social media accounts. We would love to see your celebration photos and will send you directions closer to the ceremony on how to submit photos.

Whenever we are able to hold in-person commencement ceremonies in the future, we welcome you to participate.

Your diploma will be mailed to the address on your student Banner page. Please verify and update your mailing address and phone number **as soon as possible**.

Address changes can now be made online from your student Banner page or by completing the [Information Update Form](#).

- Sign into Roadrunner Portal
- Banner
- Personal Information
- Update Address and Phones

<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/Submit/Form/Start/d11a0e32-7552-4a3e-9617-5c0ebadaa535>

We know this is not the ending you imagined, but in no way does this minimize your accomplishments. We are proud of each one of you and we will be celebrating with you!



*Run Boldly*