



*Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

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Dear Fisk University Community,

I am pleased to share with you our plans for the spring 2021 Commencement. As we assess the status of where we are throughout the country and here in the Nashville metropolitan area, it is our goal to ensure our students and their family members have the best possible experience in this once-in-a-lifetime event. For a year now, Fisk University has been diligent in its observance of COVID-19 protocols consistent with the CDC, State of Tennessee, and Davidson County. We remain committed to the safety of everyone in our community. We are very proud of our record during the pandemic and will continue to observe proper protocol.

We are pleased to announce that we will hold an in-person Commencement at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021. The event will be held at the Tennessee State University William J. Hale Stadium. Only students who have completed all requirements for graduation in the spring of 2021 will be allowed to participate. All persons in attendance will be required to wear a mask. All attendees will be required to undergo a temperature check prior to entrance into the stadium. Appropriate distancing will be strictly enforced. Each graduate will be permitted no more than 10 persons in attendance. All guests must remain with family members with whom they accompanied to the event. There will be no re-entry once inside the stadium.

While the COVID-19 pandemic remains very much in effect, we will continue to observe all public health guidelines. We reserve the right to adjust our plans as circumstances require. For additional information on Commencement and related activities, please click here for [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

With new vaccines against COVID-19 becoming more available to everyone each day, we are very excited and hopeful about the prospects of returning to a “normal” educational environment. Until then, however, we truly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs