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2020 Commencement

Dear SPIA Students, Faculty and Staff:

With only a few more days remaining in this semester, let me congratulate each and every one of you for your hard work and resilience through what was truly a difficult and uncertain semester. Traditionally, the month of May is when we all partake in the uplifting ceremonial closure of the academic year through our commencement ceremony. Unfortunately, current social distancing protocols prohibit us from physically attending such a joyous event.

Commencement will be held virtually. VT is hosting a virtual commencement ceremony that is intended for all students (graduate and undergraduate) at all Virginia Tech locations, including those in Northern Virginia, on **Friday, May 15, at 6:30 pm EDT** accessible through the [VT homepage](#) or vt.edu/commencement.

Leading up to 6:30 p.m. ET, there will be pre-ceremony fun with videos from alumni and families, photos from graduates, and more! The ceremony will be viewable on-demand afterward. During the ceremony, you and your friends and family members will be able to comment and interact with the university and with each other. [See more details.](#)

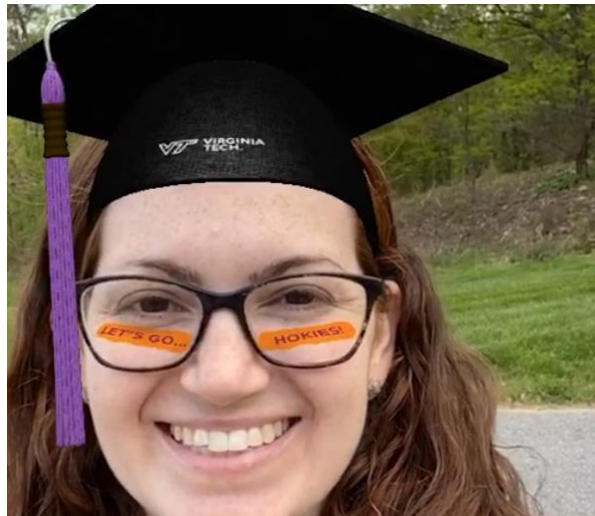
Additionally, for those based in the Washington D.C. metro area, there is a regional ceremony for the Northern Virginia Center on **Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 pm EDT** accessible through nvc.vt.edu. [See more details.](#)

To the SPIA Class of 2020 who are earning their bachelor, master's or doctoral degrees, I send you my heartfelt congratulations. Your accomplishments are admirable and commendable — and are an exceptional demonstration of resilience during these times. As a school, we are so proud of what you have already contributed to the SPIA community, and fully believe in your capacity to impact positive change beyond VT. Cherish all the intellectual and social capital that you have acquired and know that SPIA will be here for you. The SPIA community is vast and generous, and we encourage you to stay in touch as engaged alumni.

I hope all will consider joining in the celebrations to recognize our graduating Hokies. While the pandemic has altered the shape of our commencement ceremony, it does not hinder the camaraderie and strength of the Hokie nation.

With gratitude,

Mehrzad Boroujerdi
Director, VT SPIA



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