



PennState
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Message From the Dean

Dear Students,

Earlier this week you should have seen the University announcement about the live streaming of Spring Commencement on May 9, 2020. During this ceremony, the formal conferral of degrees will take place. This is an especially important event for our graduates as the conferral of degrees allows us to send diplomas to the graduates and send the list of our graduates' names to the Board of Nursing so they can move from student nurse to graduate nurse practice. We will follow the University Ceremony with a College of Nursing virtual event. Later, we will welcome all of you back to campus for an in-person event. Be watching for emails that both give and request information from you related to these events. Please share the Commencement information with your families, significant others, and friends so they can also join virtually. Sharing information with your loved ones about how you are doing and what is happening at Penn State and the College of Nursing may also help them to be less worried 😊.

Other messages during this third week:

- You continue to do what is needed and one month from today we will complete the semester and celebrate Commencement—we are in a 30 day count down!
- There is a town hall being held by the Graduate School for graduate students today (April 9) at 4:30 pm. Join at <https://liveevents.psu.edu>
- We will hear information about summer schedules, courses, and tuition in the next few days.
- We continue to be very proud of you all of you. A message was sent to me this week that said: "Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others Be the Carrier." That message made me think of you and all you are doing to persevere and make the best of this experience whether it is your first year or your last. Each of you makes me hopeful about the future of our health care system and the health of our world.

I leave you this week with the reflection: What am I grateful for? Each of us answers this question differently, but all of us have a common thread in that we are all part of the Penn State College of Nursing! After this pandemic, we will not return to "normal", but we will return to a "new normal" ...a better world where together, as nurses, we are more collaborative, innovative, and caring.

We are ...Penn State Nursing. We are...truly in this together.

Be well,
Dean Laurie