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## SUSLA TO RECOGNIZE CLASS OF 2020 WITH VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Southern University at Shreveport will stream a virtual commencement ceremony for its spring graduates Saturday, June 27.

This will be the first virtual ceremony for SUSLA, which will be shared at SUSLA.edu and the university's Facebook and YouTube page. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m.

The virtual graduation will feature videos from Chancellor Rodney Ellis, faculty, staff, and special guest.

"Due to the current health crisis, we were unable to have graduation as planned. We share our graduate's disappointment in not being able to gather together on this momentous occasion. Though the 2020 celebration will be different, it's still a great time to celebrate their accomplishments. We cannot fill an arena with standing ovations from family and friends this year, but we can fill the hearts of the class of 2020 with our messages of support and congratulations," stated Chancellor Rodney Ellis.

The virtual ceremony will integrate traditional ceremonial components, such as a host, a prayer, comments from students, formal remarks, and more. The occasion marks the end of a unique academic experience for the spring class of 2020.

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