



Dear Class of 2021,

Many of you and your parents have inquired about Heidelberg University's plans for Commencement 2021. Today, we want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to provide all of our undergraduates and graduate students with a Heidelberg Commencement experience that appropriately celebrates your academic achievements.

At this point in time, At this point in time, we would like to announce a tentative plan for an in-person, socially distanced and masked Commencement ceremony on May 16, 2021. While there are still logistical details to flesh out, our working plan is to conduct five separate ceremonies of related majors in a succession of 90-minute cycles, beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at approximately 5 p.m.

In preparation, it's now time to order your Commencement regalia. The cost of your cap and gown is covered by your graduation fee. However, to receive your cap and gown package, you must complete your order on the Heidelberg University page of the Herff-Jones website. Please follow this [link](#) to **complete your order by April 9, 2021**. Contact Stacy Wheeler, Bookstore manager, at [swheeler@heidelberg.edu](mailto:swheeler@heidelberg.edu) with any cap and gown ordering questions.

It is important – in light of all that the pandemic has taught us – that we provide the most appropriate and safest way to honor the Class of 2021. This includes incorporating all current health precautions into our ceremonies.

One of the important details is to seek approval from the Seneca County General Health District for our Commencement plans, and that is in process. We will be in touch with additional information very soon, so be sure to watch your 'Berg email in the coming weeks.

Best of luck as you complete your final semester before becoming a Heidelberg graduate!

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