

# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 22, 2021

Dear EC Community,

A little over a month ago, I shared our tentative plans for Commencement 2021. Today, I am happy to report that the Chemung County Health Department has given us the approval to host a modified in-person Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m.

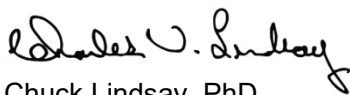
While in-person, attendance is limited to graduating students and up to two guests per student. Per New York State guidelines, guests will need to submit a negative COVID test result from a test taken within 72-hours of Sunday, June 6, 2021 **OR** proof of full vaccination. For individuals vaccinated in New York, you may use the [New York State Excelsior Pass](#) as proof of vaccination or your vaccination card. Information on uploading negative test results will be posted to the [Commencement web page](#) as the date gets closer.

The ceremony will be outside, on Carnegie Lawn, rain or shine. Seating will be socially distanced, but graduates will be seated with their guest(s). Graduates will not process across the stage, but rather stand and be recognized as their name is called. Masks are required throughout the ceremony.

While we are still unable to offer our full, traditional ceremony, we are pleased to be able to offer a companion, virtual slideshow for this year's graduates. Graduating students will receive an email within the next week with information on how to upload a photo and text for their personalized slide.

Additional details for graduating students and their guests will be available soon on the [Commencement web page](#).

Sincerely,



Chuck Lindsay, PhD  
President