

# Commencement Information for Fall 2020

## Washington, D.C., area

### Version #1 – Nov 16, 2020

The university will hold a single online Commencement ceremony in December, which will recognize graduates from all Virginia Tech locations. In the DC Area, the Graduate School will be collecting media from students, staff, and faculty to create a celebratory video. This video will be released a couple of days after the Commencement ceremony.

To follow Virginia Tech's Commencement on social media, use #HokieGrad and #VTDCgrad.

#### What time are these events?

The December 2020 university-wide ceremony will be held online Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. ET. The DC area celebratory video will be released on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m. ET.

#### Do I need any special software to view these online events?

No, as long as you have a modern web browser you should be fine. These events are pre-recorded, as opposed to being livestreamed, so you won't need to install Zoom or other video conferencing software.

#### Can you tell me more about the online Commencement?

The University Commencement ceremony will begin on **Friday Dec 18 at 6:00 p.m.** and can be accessed from the [university homepage](#). Additional details can be found at the university's [Commencement page](#).

#### Where will I be able to find the celebration video for the DC area?

The video will be posted on video.vt.edu under the channel "DC Area Graduation Videos". If you visit the channel early, you can subscribe to it and watch some video content from previous years. Channel links are shown below.

<https://video.vt.edu/channel/channelid/163321321>

<https://video.vt.edu/channel/DC%2BArea%2BGraduation%2BVideos/163321321>

The video will also be available on YouTube under this channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/VTncrGSSO>

## What if I can't be online when these events occur?

Don't worry. Both the Friday and the Sunday events will be pre-recorded and will be available for viewing at any time afterwards. So don't worry that you might miss something if your internet goes down at an inopportune time.

## Where can I find the Commencement program or list of names and degrees?

The program for the Friday ceremony should be posted online on the Commencement site shortly before the event goes live.

## When and where will my name be read?

Names of graduates will be read **only** during the university Commencement ceremony on Friday Dec. 18. Please note that the list of names is based on students who filed for their degree and met all criteria for degree completion by the required deadlines.

## How can I contribute to the celebration video for the DC Area?

**Please submit all photos/videos no later than Friday, December 11, 2020.**

### Submit a photo

Photos are welcome, either of individual students or groups of students. If you send us a photo, please name the photo "FirstName-LastName" or something similarly descriptive like "Physics Students celebrate Pi Day" so that it's easier for us to identify the files. Photos should be emailed to Susan Merten ([smerten@vt.edu](mailto:smerten@vt.edu)) in the GSSO, or submitted through this Canvas [course](#).

### Share a video message with students, faculty and staff in the DC area

You can contribute a video through a few different methods.

1. Use this site on Flipgrid. <https://flipgrid.com/9c678135>
2. Join the following open course on Canvas and submit a video as an assignment.  
<https://canvas.vt.edu/enroll/WM8MNG>
3. Email your video (or a link to the video) to Susan Merten ([smerten@vt.edu](mailto:smerten@vt.edu)) in the GSSO.

Note that videos may be edited for length or content.