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Dear CDU Students, Faculty and Staff:

As part of CDU's public health measures to combat the COVID-19 crisis, we have already cancelled our spring gala and Jazz at Drew. We feel these are small but appropriate contributions we can—and should—make to this community health threat. Now, we are announcing that we are joining many other higher education institutions in cancelling this year's commencement ceremonies. You can read about just a few of those universities in [this article from University Business](#) that posted just yesterday.

While we are cancelling the public ceremony, our Commencement Committee will continue to meet to devise other ways to honor our graduates and the hard work they've put in to reach this milestone in their education and future health professions careers.

As always, thank you for your flexibility during this unprecedented public health crisis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "David M. Carlisle".

Dr. David M. Carlisle, President/CEO
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