Dear students,

As you will have seen in the email below, Interim President Galligan is inviting all graduating students to participate in a virtual celebration of your upcoming graduation on Friday, May 15. Law students will be a part of the celebration, and we encourage you to participate with your family and friends if you are able to do so. More information for that date, specific to our law school community, will be sent out by our office very soon.

This virtual celebration on May 15 provides a great opportunity to mark what would have been and should still be an exciting day for you! As of today, you are almost at the end of your three-year sojourn with us. And by the 15th—you will be! And you have made it through what will go down as one of, if not THE, most difficult semesters in our time.

Now, as much as we WILL celebrate with you and for you on May 15, the virtual events do not and will not stand in the place of an in-person ceremony, with full “pomp and circumstance.” The law faculty and administration are strongly committed to honoring your accomplishments together—in person, as a law school community—when restrictions are lifted and we are allowed to gather again. As I have said before in another email, and in our town hall, we will be in touch with you to plan that event when making plans becomes more feasible.

While our virtual endeavors can never replicate what would have been on May 15, we still celebrate you and your achievements. We are planning other ways to commemorate your graduation from the LSU Law Center in special and unique ways. We will be sending out additional information soon. Meanwhile, finish strong on your exams, stay safe and healthy, and know that we are all cheering for you!

All my best (and keep washing those hands!),

Dean Lockridge

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Dear Graduates and Degree Candidates,

I couldn’t be prouder of your achievements and perseverance throughout your time at LSU – especially during this most challenging spring semester – and it brings me great joy to invite you to join us for a Virtual Graduation Celebration on Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m. on the LSU Facebook page.

In preparation for your big day, I encourage you to visit lsu.edu/celebration for more information about the event, a downloadable invitation for your family and friends to join in the fun, and ideas for making the day a truly special occasion.

We’re still in the planning stages for an official commencement ceremony to celebrate your graduation later this year and we’ll get you all the details when they’re finalized. Until then, I wish you the best of luck on your final exams and I can’t wait to celebrate with you on May 15!

Warmly,

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Tom Galligan
LSU Interim President