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Honoring the Class of 2021

University of Michigan Spring Commencement 2021

Join us in saluting our most recent graduates through a virtual ceremony on May 1 at Noon

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Hail! To the Graduates

Spring Commencement is an extremely important event for all of our graduates and their families. We could not let this special day go by without recognizing the many achievements of our newest Wolverine alumni. Please join us in safely celebrating the Class of 2021 through a virtual ceremony on Saturday, May 1 at noon EST.

Pop-Up Rapid COVID-19 Testing

Celebrate graduation safely this weekend. Get tested before you gather.

See the Campus Blueprint [Community_page](#) for location and hours.

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Spring Commencement Speaker

Bryan Stevenson is a human rights leader, best-selling author and founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI). His memoir, "Just Mercy," was adapted into a 2019 [major motion picture](#). EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

 Twyla Tharp is a World-renowned choreographer and dancer.

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Rackham Graduate Exercises Speaker

Twyla Tharp is a World-renowned choreographer and dancer. She is a Tony- and Emmy Award-winning artist who received the 2004 National Medal of the Arts. In addition to choreographing for her own company, Twyla Tharp Dance, she has created dances for the Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, the Paris Opera Ballet, the Royal Ballet, and the New York City Ballet.

A Graduation to Remember

Explore the many different ways you can celebrate commencement and the Class of 2021 this year:

 Aerial view of the Rackham building

Commencement Street Mural

Yen Azzaro and Liz Guilmet, along with students from the Stamps School of Art & Design, will paint a commencement mural on E. Washington Street beginning April 25.

[Learn more about the mural](#) 

 Aerial view of Michigan Stadium aka The Big House

Commencement Experience

We invite you to participate in our virtual Commencement on May 1, whether from home with friends and family or with fellow graduates in the stands of Michigan Stadium.

[Learn more about the stadium experience](#)  [Learn more about celebrating from home](#) 

 Burton Memorial Tower bells

Carillon Concerts

Join in celebrating the class of 2021 with Christine El-Hage, Zoe Lei, and HyoJin Jenna Moon on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. as they perform "The Victors" and "The Yellow and the Blue" at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Carillon, the Burton Memorial Tower, and the Kerrytown Chimes.

 A group of U-M fans in the stands

Maize Out

Share a photo on social media of you in your best Maize and Blue congratulating our graduates using #MGoGrad.

[Make May 1 a Maize Out](#) 

 Two U-M fans in the stands

Celebrate on Social

Add a celebratory frame to your Facebook profile, send a Snap with our graduation filters or join your next Zoom call from the commencement stage.

[Celebrate on Social](#) 

 Angell Hall at night with lights on

Angell Hall Lighting

Angell Hall will be decked out with special celebratory lighting on April 30 and May 1.

 Burton Tower at night with blue lights on

Burton Tower Lighting

Burton Tower will be lit up every night in maize and blue for the month of April and the first weekend in May to salute our 2021 grads.

 Wave Field on North Campus

Campus Bucket List

View the bucket list of must-see campus sites to take in before graduating. Have you done them all already?

[Learn more about the campus bucket list](#)  

 Aerial view of Rackham Graduate School and the Ann Arbor campus at University of Michigan

Rackham Graduate Exercises

Please join us in safely celebrating our graduate degree candidates through a virtual ceremony on Friday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

[Learn more about the virtual event](#)  

 University of Michigan official seal

Honorary Degrees

Learn more about the individuals receiving honorary degrees as part of the 2021 Virtual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 1.

[Learn more about the recipients](#)  

The World Goes Blue!

Locations around the country will change their marquees and billboards to wish the class of 2021 well.

Gillette Stadium

Home of the New England Patriots



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FAQs



Will the Spring 2021 Commencement include any in-person experiences?



Who will deliver the Spring Commencement address to students?



Will there be student speakers?



Why couldn't there be an in-person ceremony?



How did the university incorporate student perspectives when making this decision?



Will my degree be conferred during this ceremony?



Are family and friends able to watch the ceremony?



If I can't participate in the ceremony at 12 p.m. EDT, will I be able to watch at another time?



Will graduates' names be read during the university-wide ceremony?



Will my School or College be hosting a ceremony?



Will the university host additional opportunities to celebrate the classes of 2020 and 2021 in the future?



How will I receive my diploma?



Will there be a physical program that includes a list of graduates?



How may I request additional copies of the program book?



How do I purchase or rent academic attire?



How do I find updates and information about Commencement?

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