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A Message from Dean Cooley

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Dear graduate students,

[President Salovey's message regarding Commencement](#) conveyed the exciting prospect of an in-person ceremony this year. I am pleased to share that we will be able to recognize the accomplishments of our 2021 graduating students in an outdoor event during the week of May 24, public health conditions permitting. We hope to include graduating students who are on campus as well as those studying remotely this year, and we await further guidance in this regard. Unfortunately, we will not be able to welcome guests to campus as we will still need to observe social-distancing and other public health protocols. While Commencement will not include a traditional diploma ceremony in Woolsey Hall, I hope the possibility of reuniting with your friends on our beautiful campus comes as happy news.

We are in the early stages of planning the event and will seek your input as things develop.

My staff and I will continue to communicate with you in the coming days and weeks as we learn

what may be feasible. In the meantime, should you have questions about Commencement or wish to communicate your preferences to me and the GSAS staff, please e-mail me at gsas@yale.edu.

Until then, please mark your calendars for the week of May 24. I look forward to celebrating your achievements with you.

With best wishes,
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