



## **June Purdue Global Commencement To Take Place Exclusively in Virtual Format**

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.**, March 19, 2020 — Purdue University Global will hold its June 6 commencement ceremonies exclusively in a virtual format, Chancellor Betty Vandebosch informed graduates Monday (March 16).

In citing the coronavirus (COVID-19), Vandebosch told graduates via email: “The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff is our number one priority. It also is important to us to celebrate the educational accomplishments of our students. When considering both of these priorities, we have decided to change the format of the 2020 Purdue University Global commencement in Indianapolis on June 6 to a virtual format so everyone can participate without any health risk.”

At its most recent commencement ceremonies on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles, 75-plus of the more than 400 Purdue Global graduates participated virtually thanks to [a first-of-its-kind pilot program](#) that featured a 360-degree camera and individual headsets.

“By participating virtually, you will have the opportunity to feel like you are fully immersed in a commencement. ... All graduates who participate virtually will have their name and degree called,” Vandebosch said in her email. “Although we are terribly disappointed that we cannot congratulate you in person in Indianapolis, we are thankful for the technology available to be able to celebrate with you virtually.”

Graduates have until April 16 to let Purdue Global know if they would like to participate in the virtual commencement.

The email also noted that some airlines are offering general travel waivers on new bookings due to the growing concern over the coronavirus.

### **About Purdue University Global**

Purdue University Global is the extreme personalization online university, providing students the competitive edge to advance in their chosen careers. It offers a hyper-tailored path for students to earn an associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, based on their work experience, desired pace, military service, previous college credits and other considerations – no matter where they are in their life journey.

Purdue Global serves more than 31,000 students (as of January 2020), most of whom earn their degree online. It also operates several regional locations nationwide. Purdue Global is a nonprofit, public university accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. It is affiliated with Purdue University's flagship institution, a highly ranked public research university located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Purdue University also operates two regional campuses in Fort Wayne

and Northwest, Indiana, as well as serving close to 6,000 science, engineering and technology students at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) campus.

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