October 9, 2020

Dear graduates,

As you near the end of your college journey, I want to be among the first to congratulate you on successfully completing your degree. This is such a milestone, and I am proud of you!

For your safety and the health of your family and friends, we have made the difficult decision to hold a virtual Winter Commencement celebration. With public health warnings about large group gatherings, this is the prudent choice during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

You have worked so hard for years to earn your degree. It is your right and our privilege to celebrate your accomplishments in a ceremony in front of your friends and family. We are working on details to make December 12 special for you and all our graduates.

Degrees will be conferred at the end of the fall semester regardless, so it’s important to apply for graduation through accessPoint. The approval of fall degrees will follow the same timeframe as in past years. We anticipate diplomas will be mailed to the student’s home address four to six weeks after final exams.

More details will be provided about commencement as well as the Chancellor’s Leadership and Albertson Award ceremonies. Watch for additional details via email and the commencement webpage.

Any Spring and Winter 2020 graduates who would like to participate in an in-person ceremony will be welcome to do so when we are able to resume our traditional commencement ceremony.

Thank you for your understanding and for persevering through these challenging times. The pandemic disrupted our lives but it does not diminish your remarkable achievement at UW-Stevens Point.

Sincerely,

Bernie L. Patterson
Chancellor