

## **College of Natural and Health Sciences**

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Hello Graduates! While technology has kept us connected in our courses through the completion of this spring semester, what we are reminded of through physical distancing is that our face to face social interactions are a critically important piece of what makes the University of Tampa such an amazing institution. The university is quite simply not the same without you here. The students are what make us Spartan strong, and you seniors are the very heart of our student body.

While much of our last year together has been impacted by world events outside our direct control, your UT experience should not, and is not, defined by just your last semester. Major intellectual transformations, establishing professional connections, and developing life-long friendships have been a part of your time at UT. These events, over your entire academic career, have been far more important in defining who you are now than just half of one semester possibly could.

Your time at the University of Tampa has made you smarter, stronger, more compassionate, more resilient, and more globally aware than perhaps any class before you. I have been proud to work with you and with the talented faculty who have focused directly on your education in our classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, clinical settings, field sites, internships, and online. As you go forward from the University of Tampa onto whatever goals you set to define your own successes, please know that you will be a Spartan forever, and we will be here for you.

Congratulations to each one of you, and to the entire great class of 2020!