



March 26, 2020

Dear Brescia graduates,

You may have already received an email from Western and seen updates on their social media about the decision made to postpone Western's spring convocation as part of the larger response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes all scheduled ceremony dates from May 22 through June 19, including ceremonies for Brescia.

Based on Western's announcement, Brescia has made the difficult decision to also postpone our upcoming Baccalaureate and Magisterial ceremonies.

We understand this is disappointing for our community, especially for our graduating class and their families. We recognize the importance of Baccalaureate and its time-honoured tradition as part of our students' university experience. At this time, facing uncertainty, we must make decisions that ensure the health and safety of our students, their families and our community.

Please be assured this will not affect the timing of your graduation or the conferral of degrees for graduating students. We know how hard our students have worked; Brescia will mark this special occasion in an alternate format this year. Plans are already being developed and we will continue to update you as details are finalized.

While we understand this is not the way in which you had imagined your final days on campus and graduation experience, know that the Brescia community is proud of all you have accomplished. We are working hard to find alternative means to ensure you can still celebrate your academic achievements alongside your classmates.

If you have already registered for graduation events scheduled for June, refunds will be processed over the coming weeks. Online registration will be closed as of this evening. We encourage you to continue submitting ring sizes as all graduates are eligible for their alumnae ring.

I understand that this is an overwhelming time with a great deal of uncertainty. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Alison Vilaca (alison.vilaca@uwo.ca) who is happy to assist you further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan Mumm'.

Susan Mumm, DPhil