



April 26, 2020
10:30 a.m.

As the end of the academic year draws near, I want to congratulate you for your perseverance, persistence and strength these last few weeks while you completed your academic year. On behalf of the Brescia community—well done!

While it is not the end of term we expected, I hope that your experience throughout this past year lends moments of gratification to your memories. This was a remarkable academic year, filled with many joyous events, solid achievements, and celebrations—each of you have reached important milestones in your Brescia experience.

I know you have questions about what lies ahead, including when we might potentially return to campus. So do I. We are all anxious to know when these decisions will be made and what our future campus environment looks like.

Brescia continues to work collaboratively with Western as well as local and provincial health authorities to model different scenarios. Discussions surrounding plans for fall 2020 are ongoing and several options will be considered. We all want to return to normal operations as soon as the health, safety and well-being of our community can be assured.

I can assure you that this fall, Brescia will be open, offering courses and continuing to provide you with the student-centred and empowering education you should expect. You are an important member of our community and Brescia will continue to make decisions with your needs in mind.

We all have questions about what your academic experience will look like and I understand that online learning is not what any of us had anticipated. Given the uncertainty in Canada and across the world, it's important for us to consider some form of digital learning—at least for some courses—as it may be a reality for us as we look ahead, towards next term. Though this is a possibility, I assure you it will not compromise our commitment to you in providing you with the best education we can deliver.

I will continue to share updates as soon as decisions are made so you and those closest to you can plan for September accordingly. Please know I am very proud of the way our students have responded over the past few weeks and appreciate your patience and adaptability through these challenging times.



Congratulations again on a successful academic year—I hope you take time to celebrate your many achievements.

Sincerely,
Susan Mumm, D. Phil, FRHistS