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To: All Faculty
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Subj: Virtual Celebration ‘21

As I had indicated in a memo sent to Chairs and Program Directors several weeks ago, the Celebration ’21 Planning Committee has been discussing what makes sense for this year’s event, given the limiting (and exhausting) factors associated with COVID. Since we wanted to ensure that students who desired were given the opportunity to share their work with the campus, we’ve decided to hold a modified version of Celebration that we hope will be satisfactory, reflective of at least some of the spirit of this celebratory event.

Those departments and programs that responded to the survey and/or e-mailed me by last week’s deadline will have their capstones’ days, times and, in some cases, Zoom access listed on the Celebration website ([www.gettysburg.edu/celebration](http://www.gettysburg.edu/celebration)). To this end, we will be asking these departments for presenters’ names as well as the title and/or brief description of their project in the way of advertising their presentations to the entire campus. There will be no program book printed this year so the website will be the way we’re advertising and archiving the Celebration ’21 presentations.

In addition to this listing, we will offer the option to all students of developing and uploading a showcase to the Acadiate platform, similar to CAFÉ. The showcase will consist of their project, whether it be in poster, performance, oral presentation, or short film format, along with a brief (3-5 minute) video introduction of themselves describing the project. Unlike CAFÉ, however, there will be no Zoom meetings or live streaming from these showcases. All relevant materials must be pre-recorded. The showcases will be available for viewing from **Wednesday, May 5 through Friday, May 7** and we would ask that you exercise the message option to let the participants know you visited their showcase and to provide constructive feedback.

An announcement of this opportunity will be advertised to the campus community starting next week and e-mails of how these showcases work, how to upload materials, and the various deadlines associated with participation in the event will be sent to those students who register. **Presenter** **registration will open at 8:30am Tuesday, April 6and will close at 8pm on Tuesday, April 20.**  Registrants will be asked to provide their faculty mentor’s name on the registration form and those faculty will also be contacted with more details in order to help their students. We will be reminding the students on the form to contact their mentor BEFORE registering so we’re hoping you won’t be taken by surprise. However, if you receive a message from us regarding you mentoring a student who you do not know or wish to sponsor, please send an e-mail to celebration@gettysburg.edu ASAP.

Thank you in advance for your support of Virtual Celebration ’21, whether it be in the form of mentoring and/or viewing the showcases to leave notes of encouragement. I know the students will appreciate it.