

ACU celebrates graduating class of 2020

Australian Catholic University (ACU) will stream an online celebration to mark the graduation of almost 8,000 students on Saturday 28 November at 5pm AEDT.

While the students have already graduated earlier this year, the university was not able to conduct in-person graduation ceremonies due to COVID-restrictions. Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Greg Craven conferred their awards in-absentia and ACU will formally recognise the occasion in the online celebration on Saturday, inviting families and friends to share their success.

Professor Craven addresses the graduates during the celebration which will incorporate elements of a traditional graduation ceremony, including a guest speaker and a student vote of thanks. Many Other members of the ACU community have recorded messages of encouragement and congratulations to the graduating class of 2020.

Reverend Graham Long AM, Pastor Emeritus of the Wayside Chapel in Sydney, will deliver the occasional address.

Professor Craven said that while an online celebration cannot replicate a graduation ceremony, it was important that the university paid tribute to the graduating students in meeting such a significant milestone as the completion of their degree.

“Under any circumstances, completing a university degree takes enormous strength of character, hard work and commitment. These are not normal circumstances, and we are even more proud than ever of the ability of our students to dig deep, produce quality work, and to finish their studies. I congratulate all our 2020 graduates and thank all our academic staff for supporting them during their studies at ACU.

“I commend them on their achievement and know they will apply the same dedication to their work and lives beyond their studies.”

Students are graduating with degrees in education, health sciences, theology and philosophy, law and business and humanities and social sciences across seven Australian campuses.

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