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Dear Graduating Seniors and Westminster Community Members,

You have been on the minds of everyone in administration and on the Board of Trustees at Westminster College these last few weeks since COVID-19 disrupted life as we know it. We have listened carefully to your input regarding Commencement 2020 and want you to know that we plan for you to have an actual, physical graduation on campus as soon as this terrible viral threat has passed. At this time, **we tentatively plan for Commencement and the Columns Ceremony to take place at Westminster on Saturday, August 8, 2020.**

More communication regarding this decision will be sent in the weeks to come. Meanwhile, I want to reassure you that the College faculty and staff are doing everything possible to ensure the health and safety of you and your family members. Furthermore, I want you to know that in honor of our senior Blue Jays and their sacrifice at this difficult time, Westminster will shine blue lights on our historic Columns beginning this evening. The blue lights will shine through the end of the semester.

I personally want to encourage you to look forward to better days ahead. I hope to see each and every one of you on our beautiful campus, receiving your diplomas and walking through the Columns when this pandemic is over. And finally, I assure you that your graduation will be one for the history books and worthy of a monumental celebration.

Please take care of yourselves, and I will see you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fletcher M. Lamkin'.

Fletcher M. Lamkin, Ph.D.
President of the College

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