

Good Afternoon Xaverians

Hoping that this finds you well and healthy. I bring news that will disappoint, but also, provide for some hope and opportunity.

I wish to advise on the status of our **Homecoming 2020** celebration, which is scheduled to take place on October 2-4, 2020. Living and working with COVID-19 has completely upended all plans for the Fall, including Homecoming. After a careful review of health and safety guidelines as established by the province's Public Health Authorities and determining what kinds of activities we can host, the university has made the difficult decision to reschedule this year's Homecoming.

While this is no doubt very disappointing to learn, you must also know we are working on plans to ensure celebrations take place next summer. Yes, that is correct—Homecoming 2020 will actually be celebrated in August, 2021!

We have rescheduled your Homecoming weekend to August 19-22, 2021. This weekend was selected due to availability of the necessary venues that we would require to execute a StFX Homecoming. Also, at this time of year, know that the campus will be alive with students, faculty and staff. It also provides for greater opportunities to use venues and have events that would not otherwise be possible at a Fall Homecoming such as a Lobster boil at Crystal Cliffs.

The weekend will be the Homecoming that will celebrate all graduating classes ending with '0 & '5 as well as any other alumni that wish to join. It will incorporate all of the marquee events such as the Hall of Honour ceremony, Coffee with Coady (Celebrating 60 years of the Coady Institute), the Golden Grad Mass, Luncheon and Dinner, Class Dinners along with the Welcome Home Dinner and Alumni Award presentations.

While we know that this will be a different way to celebrate your milestone, we want you to know that the Alumni Office is dedicated to working directly with you to ensure that your time back on campus will be special and memorable.

If you have any questions or concerns in respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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