

I am a senior at Arizona State University, and since I enrolled in classes at ASU in Spring 2020, I have looked forward to my graduation. I have been working very hard to finish my bachelor's degree as quickly as possible because I want to get into the workforce and become a history teacher. I had a graduation in December 2019 when I received my AA degree from my local community college, but obviously my B.A. graduation means more to me because I will finally be done with my education. Since last fall, I did not think that ASU would have graduations for Spring 2021 graduates, and I was disappointed but grateful my mother had convinced me to attend my AA graduation. At least I had had one graduation in my life and was able to experience its joys (I was homeschooled and didn't have a high school graduation). However, I inadvertently discovered on ASU's graduation webpage that they were going to hold IN PERSON graduations for any Spring and Fall 2020 students who wanted it in spring 2021. At first, I did not believe that this would mean that I could have a graduation as well, but my mother's astute reading of the text proved that I would likely have an in-person graduation if ASU was doing last year's classes in person as well. For a little while, I refused to believe it but I quickly warmed up to the idea and became excited that I would have this wonderful experience again. I am still hopeful for an in-person graduation even though my Success Coach and some Academic advisors have said that we will need to wait and see or that the Spring 2021 graduation will likely be the dreaded VIRTUAL. I am happy ASU is doing right by their students and giving them the option to have an in-person graduation at a later, less crazy time. I hope they will do it for 2021 graduates as well because it means a lot to us.