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Dear 2021 VASCI Graduates,

I hope all of you and your loved ones are staying healthy and well.

We were very pleased to be able to create the virtual graduation video to remind all of us of the time we spent together in the department over the last four years and we hope you will be able to enjoy it with friends and loved ones.

We trust your instructors and UMass have served you well and that your degree will serve you well in the future. You are living in a unique time right now, and while we cannot predict what the future will look like, we do know that you will be stronger, more compassionate professionals for having lived through this. Always remember to value and share the importance and advancement of scientific research and the care of all living things.

Please stay in touch with peers and mentors, and visit us. Our offices, farms, and labs are always open and we welcome friendly visits from our alumni.

Wishing you the best,

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