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Converse College Announces 2020 Commencement, Summer Sessions, and Fall Term Updates

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (May 14, 2020) – Converse College has announced updates to the 2020 Commencement, summer sessions, and fall term.

Commencement

Converse invites the community to join them in celebrating their seniors as they host their **virtual Baccalaureate service at 5 pm EST on Friday, May 15, 2020 and virtual Commencement ceremony at 9:30 am EST on Saturday, May 16, 2020.** The links to the ceremonies will be posted on www.converse.edu/commencement at those times. Senior celebration pages are also accessible from here and congratulate the accomplishments of the Converse undergraduate and graduate class of 2020.

The in-person Commencement ceremony originally scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2020 in Zimmerli Performance Center’s Twichell Auditorium has been moved to Saturday, August 1, 2020. This date change will allow for more graduates and their families to participate.

Summer sessions

The Summer 1A (June 1-29) classes at Converse have all moved to online. Summer 1B (June 1-July 24) classes were already scheduled as online formats. Converse is tentatively planning for Summer 2 (July 2-31) and 3 (July 6-August 11) to be on campus if a course was scheduled that way. At this point, Converse administrators plan to confirm the status of Summer 2 and 3 on campus by June 8, 2020.

Fall term

Converse’s plan for fall 2020 is to return to campus and resume a face-to-face learning environment, unless the COVID-19 conditions worsen and/or government guidance requires the continuation of remote learning. Converse administrators and Board of Trustees will constantly evaluate this situation and the COVID-19 projections and provide updates as they make these decisions, always placing the safety and health of the Converse community first. Administrators plan to confirm the status of the fall term by July 15, 2020.

About Converse College

Converse was founded in 1889 by citizens of Spartanburg, SC who aimed to create an educational experience that enables women “to see clearly, decide wisely, and act justly.” Effective July 1, 2021 it will acknowledge its university status under the name Converse University, and in fall 2020 it will welcome its first undergraduate co-educational incoming class. Converse is a creator of opportunity for all academically-qualified students through a personalized education that is combined with the professional and technical skills graduates need to be successful in their careers. Converse pushes beyond traditional boundaries to make a quality educational experience available to every qualified student who seeks it – both at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels. Converse College’s mission is to help students develop their unique voice, a sense of value, and a vision for the future.

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