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Match day is the day that all medical students around the country who are graduating, find out where they will do their residency, what specialty they will be in, and what city they'll be in when they do their residency over three or five years.

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Normally, around the country at the exact same time 12 o'clock, students open up an envelope and find out where they've matched. And then they celebrate with their fellow students and with their family, all of whom have waited so long to see what the future of these students will be.

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This year is different, because we've wanted to make sure that we kept the social separation appropriate for this pandemic. So students will go to their email, find out where they've matched, and then we plan to have a virtual celebration.

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So we have medical students on two campuses in Lubbock. Now, Texas Tech UMC and Covenant. We have students in the Permian Basin, Midland and Odessa and we have the Amarillo students, and we'll be trying to bring all of those together in our virtual match celebration.

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These students will match in many primary care fields. We have always had a majority of our students match in primary care as compared to other schools. We have the FMAT students, the family medicine accelerated track students who have matched, who have matched with us after only three years of medical school. And we know that many of our students will actually match with us probably 20 or 25% of our students will stay here to do a residency at Texas Tech.

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I think it's important for the community to know that we're graduating 170 new physicians, and that most of those physicians will practice in West Texas. And especially in this time of importance of appreciating our physicians during this pandemic. It's reassuring to know that there's a medical school in West Texas.

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So this is a very special time where at the same time, we're celebrating the success of our students. We're also clearly recognizing the tremendous sacrifice and professional commitment that medical students make to this profession, which actually can be very challenging and dangerous to them. And this pandemic has really made that so clear to our graduating students.