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Sarah Lawrence College in Yonkers will hold its 2020 commencements via the internet Friday

## Sarah Lawrence To Hold Its First Virtual Commencement

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YONKERS, NY Sarah Lawrence College will celebrate commencement virtually for the first time in its history.

College officials said the 92nd undergraduate ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Friday and the graduate ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

More than 300 undergraduates

will receive their bachelor of arts degree. The graduate ceremony will confer master of science, master of arts and master of fine arts degrees to more than 125 students.

Graduating students will be invited to experience commencement together with faculty and staff via Zoom.

Tonya Lewis Lee, class of '88, will be the undergraduate commencement speaker. She is a producer, writer entrepreneur and women's health advocate, who led to the production of Netflix's "She's Gotta Have It" and the film "All Rise."

Lee is also a bestselling author of children's books and is the co-author of the bestselling novel "Gotham Di-

aries."

The graduate commencement speaker will be Barbara Taylor Bowman, class of '50.

She is a pioneer in the field of early childhood education and is the co-founder of the Erikson Institute.

Her research which has focused on the importance of early education in childhood development, was the foundation for the federal Head Start program.

Bowman served as a consultant to the U.S. Secretary of Education under the Obama administration.

The public can leave messages of congratulations for undergraduate students and graduate students on Sarah Lawrence's website.