

Mississippi State University

Bagley College of Engineering
College of Veterinary Medicine
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
School of Human Sciences
College of Forest Resources
College of Education

*****Processional Begins at 6:30 p.m.*****

Commencement Exercise Humphrey Coliseum

7:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

May 5, 2017

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Graduates' names will be announced as they cross the stage to be congratulated by the President and the official party. The administration respectfully requests that all attendees honor this occasion by recognizing and contributing to the dignity and quiet celebration befitting this ceremony so that family and friends may hear their graduate's name as it is announced. ***Graduates and their guests are expected to remain in their seats until the conclusion of the ceremony.**

***** ALL BAGS SUBJECT TO SEARCH *****

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Regalia

Students may pick up regalia as follows: Thursday, May 4th and Friday, May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Barnes & Noble Bookstore. DEGREE CANDIDATES MUST ORDER AND PAY FOR REGALIA RENTALS AS ARRANGED BY THE BOOKSTORE. Appropriate dress and shoes are expected of all graduates. (Please, no flip-flops, tennis shoes, or bare feet.) ONLY APPROVED ACADEMIC ADORNMENTS MAY BE WORN WITH THE REGALIA. (Honor cords are initiated by the individual academic honor societies only. The Registrar's Office does not distribute cords.) SOCIAL + EXTRA CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AND ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO WEAR SOCIAL SASHES OR CORDS, ONLY ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS. Candidates must be in their designated area no later than 6:00 p.m., May 5th. All rented academic regalia should be returned as soon as possible after the close of the ceremony. Representatives of the rental company will be located outside the entrance of the coliseum.

Invitations

May 2017 candidates may purchase graduation announcements, diploma frames, and rent regalia from Barnes & Noble Bookstore at MSU. Invitations are NOT required for the ceremony.

Photographs

Your Alumni Association invites candidates to come by Barnes & Noble Bookstore Thursday, May 4th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., or Friday, May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to have pictures taken. Photos will also be taken during the ceremony. Photographs of graduates are available through professional groups who have contracted with the University to provide these services. Color, on stage photographs with the President and individual portraits photographed off stage are available from ZAP Professional Photography, P. O. Box 2686, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403, (662) 323-4242, info@zapfoto.com. Graduates will be sent proofs for ordering the week after graduation. To be personally notified when proofs of your graduate are available for ordering online, scan the QR code or enter this link to submit your email address and phone number(for text notification).

<http://gradphotonetwork.com/track/e.aspx?1802490-73504-CA97CD46B8>

Check-in and Line-up

Degree candidates should assemble in Practice Court A or B of the Mize Pavilion at the south end of the coliseum no later than 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 5th (see attached coliseum diagram to locate your college line-up). Signs will direct the candidates to their designated area for the processional line. Please check in with your college representative to receive name card. The name card will be used by the announcer to pronounce your name. Diploma covers will be distributed at end of the ceremony; diplomas will be mailed four to six weeks after graduation. ***Please do not bring personal belongings.**

Faculty

Faculty members should assemble in Practice Court A or B of the Mize Pavilion at the south end of the coliseum (see attached coliseum diagram to locate your college line-up). **If you are renting academic regalia, please order and pay for regalia at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore by April 1st.** You may pick up regalia at Barnes & Noble Bookstore during the times listed above for Degree Candidates. All rented academic regalia should be returned as soon as possible after the close of the ceremony. Representatives of the rental company will be located outside the entrance of the coliseum.

Marching Instructions

Processional Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Practice Court A degree candidates and the faculty will march single file down portal S (left side) to the arena floor. **The Doctoral Candidates and Dissertation Directors will lead the processional. A single file of Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates (arranged within their college or school according to degree rank) will march in the following order: Bagley College of Engineering, College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and School of Human Sciences. Faculty from these colleges will follow the students.**

Practice Court B degree candidates and the faculty will march single file down portal S (right side) to the arena floor. **A single file of Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates (arranged within their college or school according to degree rank) will march in the following order: College of Forest Resources and College of Education. Faculty from these colleges will follow the students.**

The degree candidates will sit as instructed by ushers and have a seat as they enter the row.

Professional Video

The University Television Center will post the video of this year's commencement ceremony online. The video will be available online at www.registrar.msstate.edu by May 12th. This professionally produced video will provide all graduates with a memorable record of this important milestone in their careers.

Commencement Flowers

Your Alumni Association is partnering with Commencement Flowers to provide parents and graduates the opportunity to purchase flowers to help celebrate this special day. Pre-orders may be placed online at <https://www.thecommentmentgroup.com/mississippiastate/> and picked up prior to your ceremony (Friday/Saturday) outside of Humphrey Coliseum. Walk up sales will also be available the day of while supplies last.

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