Mississippi State University

Bagley College of Engineering
College of Veterinary Medicine
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
School of Human Sciences
College of Forest Resources
College of Education
College of Architecture, Art, and Design
School of Architecture
College of Business
Adkerson School of Accountancy
College of Arts and Sciences

Commencement Exercise

Humphrey Coliseum

7:00 p.m.

December 11, 2015
(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
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Graduates’ names will be announced as they cross the stage to be congratulated by the President, Provost, 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.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Cap and Gown

Students may pick up their cap and gown as follows: from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10 and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 11 at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. DEGREE CANDIDATES MUST ORDER AND PAY FOR THEIR CAP AND GOWN RENTAL 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 CAPS AND GOWNS. (Honor cords are initiated by the individual honor societies only. The Registrar’s Office does not distribute cords.) SOCIAL 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., December 11. All rented caps and gowns 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

December 2015 degree candidates may purchase graduation announcements, diploma frames, and rent caps and gowns from Barnes and Noble Bookstore at MSU. Invitations are NOT required for the ceremony.

Photographs

Your Alumni Association invites degree candidates to come by Barnes & Noble Bookstore from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10 or from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 11 to have pictures taken. Photos will also be taken during the ceremony.

Check-in and Line-up

Degree candidates are requested to assemble in Practice Court B of the Mize Pavilion at the south end of the coliseum or around the concourse of the coliseum, starting at Portal F, no later than 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 11 (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 presented on stage to each candidate; diplomas will be mailed four to six weeks after graduation. *Please do NOT bring personal belongings.
FACULTY

Faculty members are requested to assemble in Practice Court B of the Mize Pavilion at the south end of the coliseum or around the concourse of the coliseum starting at Portal F (see attached coliseum diagram to locate your college line-up). **If you are renting a cap and gown, please order and pay for it at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore by November 30.** You may pick up your cap and gown at Barnes and Noble Bookstore during the times listed above for Degree Candidates. All rented caps and gowns 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

One half of the degree candidates and the faculty will march single file down portal S 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: College of Architecture, Art, and Design, School of Architecture, College of Forest Resources, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, School of Human Sciences, Bagley College of Engineering, College of Business, and Adkerson School of Accountancy. Faculty from these colleges will follow the students.

The other half of the degree candidates and the faculty will march single file down portal S 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 Arts and Sciences and College of Education. Faculty from these colleges will follow the students.

The degree candidates will be directed by ushers and should 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. This professionally produced video will provide all graduates with a memorable record of this important milestone in their careers.