Dear School of Applied Sciences Graduation Candidate:

May 13th commencement will soon be here! You will receive, if you have not already, a letter from the Office of the Registrar giving instructions for the Spring Commencement Convocation in the Grove along with a parking map to share with your guests and a Frequently Asked Questions sheet that should be very helpful to you as you prepare for commencement. As soon as the ceremony in the Grove ends, you will need to proceed immediately to the Pavilion, where the School of Applied Sciences commencement program will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. **You will not have much time to get lined up before the procession starts, so you need to get over to the Pavilion and start lining up as soon as possible.** We are encouraging guests to park in the lots located along Hill Drive and Jeanette Phillips Drive as well as the lots located around the Turner Center and Magnolia Drive. These areas are marked with brown arrows on the map provided in your graduation invitation. If you have guests who need ADA handicapped parking, they should park in the parking garage on Hill Drive and Manning Way. There will be a shuttle provided to bring guests to the Grove or the Pavilion. There will also be walking paths marked to bring guests from the Grove to the Pavilion and back. This will allow them to attend both the morning ceremony in the Grove and the Applied Sciences ceremony in the Pavilion.

**Name Cards** – Name cards with your information on it will be available for pickup in your department office beginning May 1st. You will hand this card to the reader when you cross the stage at the Applied Sciences ceremony. Below is a list of where to pick up your name card. YOU MUST BRING THIS CARD WITH YOU TO GRADUATION. THIS IS THE CARD THAT YOU WILL HAND TO THE ANNOUNCER BEFORE CROSSING THE STAGE. DO NOT LEAVE THE LINEUP CARD IN YOUR SEAT. **Please write your current e-mail address on the back of your card as the cards will be given to the photographers, who will then send you proofs of your photos by e-mail within 3 days.**

Communication Sciences and Disorders – George Hall
Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies – Odom Hall
Exercise Sciences and Sport & Recreation Administration – The Turner Center
Nutrition and Hospitality Management – Lenoir Hall
Social Work – Longstreet

**Finding your Place in the Pavilion** – You will enter the Pavilion through the Northeast door (the one closest to the FedEx Center). Only graduates will be allowed to enter through this door. Your guests will need to select a different entrance to enter through. Once you arrive in the Pavilion, you will need to go downstairs to find the line for your major. As you enter you will be in the red hall. You will be lining up in the blue hall. Continue walking through the red hall until you see a blue flag that will be hanging on the wall. Continue down this hall and look for the sign with the name of your major and line up behind the sign. **There will be staff posted throughout the halls to help guide you. Please line up as soon as you arrive as we will be starting promptly at 11:00 a.m. You do not have to be in alphabetical order within your major.**

**Your turn on stage!** – UM staff will guide your line to your designated area in the seating arrangement. If you will need ADA seating, please contact me by e-mail at kdkjames@olemiss.edu so that we can make those arrangements ahead of time. I will need this information **no later than** Friday, May 6th. You will be ushered to the stage by the Dean’s Office staff one row at a time. When you reach the stage, you will hand your card to the reader (again, don’t leave your card in your seat!) who will announce your name as you receive your diploma cover. A photographer will be present to capture the moment. Out of respect
for any graduates who have not received their diplomas, you are asked to return to your seat until the end of the program, which should end around 12:45. **Choosing to participate in commencement means you are committing for the entire ceremony.** It is very disrespectful to your fellow classmates if you leave before all students have had their turn on stage. **No student will be allowed to leave the floor without prior written consent from the Dean’s Office.**

**Graduation Attire** — You will pick up your cap and gown at the C.M. “Tad” Smith Coliseum the week prior to commencement. Graduate student tassels vary depending on the degree program. Graduate students wear their tassels on the left throughout the ceremony. Please be careful to wear shoes that are comfortable and will not damage the hardwood floors at the Pavilion. You will deposit your gown at the designated area (this will be announced at the end of the ceremony) before exiting the building. You may keep your cap.

**Web Info**—Please check the UM commencement website (http://commencement.olemiss.edu/) frequently for updated information such as maps of designated parking areas, special needs accommodations, changes due to weather, etc. The School of Applied Sciences also has its own commencement information at http://sas.olemiss.edu/

Best regards,

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