



THE UNIVERSITY of
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SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES

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Dear School of Applied Sciences Graduation Candidate:

May 14th 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 the Coliseum. There will also be limited non-ADA parking available in the parking garage on Hill Drive. These areas are marked with brown arrows on the map provided in your graduation invitation. If you have a guest who needs 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 you 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 2nd. 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 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 FexEX 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 find the line for your major. Please look for the sign with the name of your major and line up behind the sign.

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 kdjames@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 – When you pick up your cap and gown at the bookstore in the Student Union, please **be sure that your tassel is gold**. At the Applied Sciences ceremony, undergraduates wear their tassels on the right and will move them to the left side after walking across the stage to shake hands with the Dean. (For the early ceremony in The Grove, you may be told by Office of the Registrar staff to wear them on the left side—just follow their directions for The Grove Ceremony.) Please be careful to wear shoes that are comfortable and will not damage the hardwood floors at the Pavilion. You will deposit your cap and gown at the designated area outside the Pavilion.

Honor Cords – Students who have met the university requirements for Latin Honors (the overall and resident GPA as of the end of the **Fall 2015** semester are used for this purpose) will find the honors listed beneath their names on the index card you will pick up from your department. If you are receiving Latin Honors (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude), you need to stop by the George Street House sometime the week before graduation to pick up your honor cord. The UM requirements for honors are as follows:

- At least **62 hours** completed from the University of Mississippi
- A minimum UM and overall (we have to go with the lower of the two) GPA of:
- 3.5 for Cum Laude
- 3.75 for Magna Cum Laude
- 3.90 for Summa Cum Laude

If you have met the above requirements but do not have honors listed on your enclosed name card, please call our office immediately so that we can print you a new card. Please do NOT call us, however, unless you meet all of the minimum requirements.

Other Honors Announced—Phi Kappa Phi, Honors College, Taylor Medalist—If any of these pertain to you and are not on your card, please contact our office immediately so that we can print you a new card. *We do NOT announce any other honor societies at graduation. Please do not write in any honors on your card as the readers have been instructed only to read the **PRINTED** information.*

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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