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Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from Wayne State University! It’s almost time to celebrate your academic achievements with your family and guests at the May 2016 commencement ceremonies.

Commencement provides the university an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of its graduates and share in the excitement with faculty, administration, staff, fellow graduates, family and guests.

The information included here will assist you in preparing for your special day. The guide includes important instructions for you, your family and guests. Please read the guide carefully to ensure your special day is a joyous and memorable one.

Congratulations, and best of luck in your future endeavors!

Office of University Commencement
CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Ford Field
2000 Brush Street, Detroit

Doors to Ford Field will open two hours before each ceremony. Each ceremony will last approximately two hours.

Ceremony I — 10 a.m.
College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
School of Library and Information Science
School of Medicine (Ph.D./Master’s)
Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Ceremony II — 4 p.m.
Mike Ilitch School of Business
College of Education
College of Engineering
College of Nursing
School of Social Work

Note: Walking in Commencement does not constitute graduation or guarantee that you will receive your diploma. Check with your school or college advisor to confirm all graduation requirements have been met.
MASTER’S AND BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES
Graduates must wear academic regalia for their ceremony. Oak Hall is the official university vendor for all caps and gowns. Caps and gowns may be purchased at the WSU Bookstore.

The bachelor’s cap and gown is $48.98 plus tax. The master’s gown, including cap and hood, is $84.98 plus tax.

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES
Doctoral degree candidates (Pharm.D./Aud.D./DPT/DNP) wear doctoral regalia that must be rented through the WSU Bookstore. The regalia includes doctoral black gown, doctoral hood and tam. The graduate will be able to keep the tam and tassel following the ceremony. The rental fee for doctoral regalia is $116.98 plus tax.

PH.D./ED.D. DEGREE CANDIDATES
Ph.D. and Ed.D. degree candidates wear regalia that must be rented through the WSU Bookstore. The regalia includes a custom Wayne State University gown, hood and tam. The graduate may keep the tam. The rental fee for Ph.D./Ed.D. regalia is $183 plus tax.

The bookstore will inform doctoral degree candidates of the due date for all rented regalia. Place orders as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery of regalia and avoid additional shipping charges.

ORDERING REGALIA AND OTHER ITEMS
For graduates who did not purchase their academic regalia during Grad Expo, a limited supply of caps and gowns are available at the WSU Bookstore during normal business hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Sunday. The bookstore accepts cash, check, credit card and OneCard for academic regalia. Call the bookstore at 313-577-2436 with questions.
GRADUATE ACCESS PASS
All graduates participating in Commencement are required to have a Graduate Access Pass, which allows them admission to the stadium and entry to the field. Graduates will not be allowed on the field without an access pass.

GUEST TICKETS
Tickets must be presented for each guest upon entry to Ford Field. Each eligible student may receive up to 15 guest tickets. Tickets are not required for children 2 and under. Please be sure your guests have their tickets on commencement day. Guests will not be admitted without a ticket. Guest seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note: strollers, car seats and infant carriers are not allowed in Ford Field.

WHEELCHAIR SEATING
Ford Field provides wheelchair accessible and companion seating for guests arriving with their own wheelchair. Special needs tickets are required for this seating area and must have been requested during Grad Expo.

Due to space constraints, only one escort may accompany each guest who requires wheelchair seating. This policy is strictly enforced. Upon arrival to Ford Field, guests with special needs tickets must visit Guest Services at Gate A, B or G for seating assistance by a Guest Services representative.

MOBILITY LIMITATION SEATING
For guests with mobility limitations, wheelchairs are available for transport from the Guest Services locations to a stadium seat, but they will not be available for use during the ceremony. Please visit Guest Services at Gate A, B or G for seating assistance by a Guest Services representative. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, guests can be picked up and brought back to Guest Services.
ANNOUNCEMENTS, RINGS AND DIPLOMA FRAMES

Announcements and class rings may be ordered from Balfour, the official university vendor for announcements and class rings, at the WSU Bookstore. Diploma frames may also be purchased at the WSU Bookstore.

HONORS COLLARS AND CORDS

Students who qualify for departmental or university honors will receive a special gold collar to wear with their cap and gown. Students completing the graduation requirements for the Community of Scholars will receive a blue cord to wear with their cap and gown. You will be notified by the Irvin D. Reid Honors College if you have met the criteria to receive either distinction. Please contact the college at 313-577-3030 if you have any questions. The commencement office does not issue honor stoles or cords.
DIRECTIONS TO FORD FIELD

Ford Field is located at 2000 Brush Street, just south of I-75 (Fisher Freeway) and directly across from Comerica Park. For suggested routes to Ford Field, please visit detroitlions.com/ford-field/wsu-commencement.html.

There are many routes available to Ford Field and the parking areas. Options include the following:

- Woodward Avenue to Montcalm
- John R to Montcalm
- Madison and Gratiot to St. Antoine
- Brush to the stadium area

M-1 RAIL INFORMATION

Construction of the M-1 Rail Line is underway along Woodward Avenue. Please visit m-1rail.com/construction/construction-map to track construction activity.

TRAFFIC/ROAD REPAIR PROJECTS

Due to the various road repair projects around the city, please allow ample time for driving and parking. Expect busier than usual conditions on the freeways and surface streets near Ford Field before and after the ceremony. You are encouraged to arrive early to avoid being late for the ceremony.

Before leaving for Commencement, please visit michigan.gov/mdot for information on construction projects, road closures and detours. On your way to Ford Field, tune in to 950 AM-WWJ for current traffic information.
PARKING
Parking will be available in the Ford Field Parking Deck and Lots 4, 5 and 6. There is a charge of $6 per vehicle for parking. A parking map may be found at detroitlions.com/ford-field/wsu-commencement.html. Public parking lots are also available nearby, but not all may be open on commencement day.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING
Disabled parking is available in Lot 4 (on Montcalm St. located just north of Ford Field and east of Brush) and the Ford Field Parking Deck (on St. Antoine off Madison). These parking spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis to guests with the appropriate disabled permit and a state-issued license plate or placard. A ramp is located at Gate B.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AREA
The drop-off and pick-up areas are located on the corners of Montcalm and Brush near Gate B, and Adams and John R outside Gate A.
ARRIVAL TIMES
Doors will open at 8 a.m. for the morning ceremony and at 2 p.m. for the afternoon ceremony.

- Upon arrival, graduates should make their way to Gate A for check-in.
- Graduates must be in their seats 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.
- Guests should enter at Gates B and G, as the ceremony is set up on the east end of the field.
- Guests must be in their seats 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.

A map of the entrances and seating is available at detroitlions.com/ford-field/wsu-commencement.html.

PROHIBITED ITEMS
The following items are not permitted into Ford Field. This policy is strictly enforced.

- Backpacks, luggage, grocery and paper bags, duffle bags, large bags, large purses, large camera cases
- Balloons (air or helium)
- Balls (beach balls, footballs, baseballs, etc.)
- Banners
- Cameras with lenses longer than five inches; selfie sticks are also prohibited
- Coolers of any kind, including small soft-pack coolers
- Food, beverages or liquids (cans, bottles or boxes)
- Electronic equipment including laptop computers, video recorders, tripods and wearable video cameras, including GoPros
- Noisemaking devices (bells, horns, kazoos, whistles, etc.)
- Strollers and infant/car seats or carriers
- Umbrellas

Please visit detroitlions.com/ford-field/wsu-commencement.html for a complete list of prohibited items. Guests with prohibited articles will not be allowed to enter. Under no circumstances will the items be checked at the gates, and staff may confiscate them. Enforcement will be without exception. Ford Field is not responsible for any items left at the gates or in the trash receptacles. Ford Field reserves the right to expand or modify the list of prohibited items at any time.
GRADUATE ENTRY, SEATING AND ASSEMBLY

Upon arrival to Ford Field, graduates must report to the graduate registration area, located near Gate A. Remember to bring your access pass with you. After you check in, you will be directed to the field. Guests are not allowed on the field at any time and will be directed to the guest seating areas.

Graduates should arrive at Ford Field in their academic regalia (cap and gown). Be sure to wear the tassel you were issued with your cap and gown; tassels are color-coded to signify the college/school granting the degree. Tassels are worn on the right side for graduates receiving bachelor’s degrees. Master’s and doctoral candidates march in the procession with their tassels on the left, signifying their previous degree or degrees.

Please dress appropriately and wear comfortable footwear. As a safety precaution, spiked or high-heeled shoes are prohibited. This policy will be strictly enforced, as you will be walking on cement, stairs and turf. Ford Field does not permit spiked or high-heeled shoes on the turf. Coats, handbags, drinks and other items may not be taken on the field. Leave all valuables at home or with your guests, as no personal items may be taken on the field.

When you enter the field, signs will indicate where each college and/or school is seated. Graduates are seated according to college, school and degree. There is no rehearsal prior to the ceremony. All graduates must be on the field one hour prior to the start of the ceremony to receive important instructions and directions. If you arrive late, you will not be seated with your school/college; you will be seated in the overflow seating section on the field. Please arrive on time.

Graduates are required to remain for the entire ceremony. There will be no access to the stadium until the completion of the ceremony.

SEATING FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED GRADUATES

If you will need assistance ascending and descending the stage during the ceremony, please contact the commencement office at 313-577-0300.
GUEST ENTRY AND SEATING

Guests may enter at Gates A, B and G; Gates B and G are optimal, as the ceremony is on the east end of the field. **Guests are admitted by ticket only.** Guest seating is open and seats may not be saved. Please have everyone in your party arrive at the same time. Guests are not permitted on the field at any time. All guests should be seated 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. Guests and graduates are expected to remain for the entire ceremony. Guests with special needs tickets must visit Guest Services at **Gate A, B or G** upon arrival. A Guest Services representative will seat you.

WHEELCHAIR/MOBILITY LIMITATION SEATING

Guests arriving in their own wheelchair may be accompanied by one escort to the special needs seating section. This policy is strictly enforced, so please decide ahead of time who will accompany the special needs guest. For guests with mobility limitations, wheelchairs are available for transport from Guest Services to a seating area, but they will not be available for use during the ceremony. Guests may be picked up at the end of the ceremony and transported back to the gate. All guests requiring special seating assistance will need to see a Guest Services representative for coordination upon arrival. Guest Services is located inside **Gates A, B and G.**

CONCESSION STANDS

Ford Field concession stands will be open two hours prior to each ceremony and will close when the ceremony begins. There will be no alcohol sales.

FLOWERS

Floral bouquets and gifts for your special graduate will be available for sale at the gate entrances by Commencement Flowers.

FIRST AID

First-aid stations may be found at the following locations:

- Lower Concourse: Main First Aid across from Section 105/106 and Gate G, Section 113.

PROGRAM BOOKS

Program books will be available at kiosks located at the stadium entrances for guests.
COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

Commencement is an exciting and memorable occasion for all of our graduates, but also a solemn one. Leaving before the ceremony has ended is disruptive and disrespectful to others. Graduates and their guests are expected to remain for the entire ceremony. The last graduate to cross the stage should expect to receive the same honor as the first, so please show consideration for all graduates by remaining seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.

Please refrain from excessive talking, cheering, use of noisemakers and other distractions, as this takes away from the dignity of the ceremony. Watches with alarms, cell phones and beepers can be distracting and annoying as well.

Out of respect for all graduates and guests, please switch any and all of your electronic equipment to silent, vibrate or off.

THE CEREMONY

Each ceremony will feature greetings by university officials, a student speaker, the awarding of honorary degrees, conferral of degrees and the diploma march, during which the graduates’ names will be called.

PROCESSIONAL

The academic processional, which marks the start of the ceremony, will start promptly at 10 a.m. for the morning ceremony and 4 p.m. for the afternoon ceremony. The platform party and faculty will process to their seats and the ceremony will begin. There is no processional for the graduates.

ANNOUNCING OF GRADUATE NAMES

Graduates’ names will be announced during the ceremony. Graduates will be given an announcement card on the field to complete and hand to a professional reader when they reach the stage. Instructions for phonetic descriptions will be listed on the card. Graduates will be able to speak to the readers as well to ensure that their names are read correctly.
DIPLOMA MARCH
Each graduate is presented with a special diploma cover during the diploma march. Bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral diplomas are mailed after degrees have been certified. Ph.D./Ed.D. candidates are presented with their diplomas at the ceremony.

RECESSIONAL
Following the ceremonial recognition of the graduates, the platform party and faculty will leave the field during the recessional march. Graduates should remain seated until faculty has exited the field. The emcee will dismiss the students. Ceremony volunteers and Ford Field personnel will then direct all students back through the tunnel to the Gate A/Brush Street area.

MEETING AFTER THE CEREMONY
Graduates will exit Ford Field from the tunnel to the Gate A/Brush Street area. The Ford Field site is very large, so be sure to communicate where you will meet your group after the ceremony. You are encouraged to meet outside Gate A or Gate B. Graduates and guests using the parking structure on St. Antoine – the Gate G side of the stadium – will be allowed to cross through from Gate A to Gate G to get to their vehicles. It is very important (especially after the 10 a.m. ceremony) to clear the stadium, so please cooperate with Ford Field officials and volunteer staff.

PROGRAM BOOK
The graduate’s name will appear in the program book as it was typed or written on the degree application. There will be no program reprints to accommodate incorrect spelling or missing names because of late degree applications. Due to publication deadlines, names and honors added to or changed on the graduation list after March 11 will not appear in the program book.

Student names were submitted for the program book by their school or college. If a student’s name does not appear in the program book, they should contact their school or college degree coordinator.
CEREMONY INFORMATION

DISTINCTION AND HONORS

Graduation with distinction (*cum laude*, *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*) recognizes academic excellence for the top 20 percent of undergraduate students in each college/school and will be noted in the program book only. This practice is only observed at the undergraduate level.

Students who have completed the requirements for department and/or university honors are designated in the program book by (DH) for department honors and/or (UH) for university honors. An honors degree must have been declared in the student’s major in order to graduate with honors.

GRADUATE PHOTOGRAPHS

Grad Images is the official university Commencement photographer. You will receive information from them by email and by mail. They will be available to take both portrait photos and ceremony photos of graduates. Find out more about their services at gradimages.com.
**WEB BROADCAST**
For friends and family members who are unable to attend, live streaming video of the ceremony will be available at [wayne.edu/live](http://wayne.edu/live) for each ceremony.

**COMMEMORATIVE DVDS**
A special commemorative DVD of the May 2016 commencement ceremonies may be ordered for $15. Please place your order online at [go.wayne.edu/commencement-dvd](http://go.wayne.edu/commencement-dvd). All orders must be placed by May 20, 2016. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery after the deadline.

**DEGREE STATUS**
Diplomas will be mailed following certification of your degree. If you have questions about the status of your diploma, call your school or college advisor or the Office of the Registrar.

Walking in the commencement ceremony does not constitute graduation. Check with your school or college to confirm you have met all graduation requirements.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**
Your diploma or official transcript cannot be released if you have financial obligations to the university. For questions about financial matters, contact Student Accounts Receivable at 313-577-3653.

**DUPLICATE COPY OF DIPLOMA**
To order a duplicate copy of your diploma, mail a written or typed request for a duplicate diploma to:

Wayne State University
Office of the Registrar
Attention: Graduation
5057 Woodward Avenue, fifth floor
Detroit, MI 48202
Include your name, address, phone number, WSU identification number or social security number, year graduated, type of degree (example: bachelor’s, master’s, Ph.D., Ed.D. or certificate), and a processing fee of $40 (payable by check or money order to Wayne State University). Credit cards are not accepted. Requests usually take two weeks.

LODGING
For lodging information for out-of-town guests, please contact the Detroit Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau Visitor Center at 1-800-detroit (338-7648) or visitdetroit.com.
QUESTIONS

- For questions regarding degree application or diploma status, email the graduation office at studentservice@wayne.edu or call 313-577-2100.

- For questions concerning academic status, contact your advisor in your college or school.

- For questions regarding caps and gowns, announcements, rings, or diploma frames, call the WSU Bookstore at 313-577-2436.

- For questions regarding the commencement ceremonies, call 313-577-0300 or visit commencement.wayne.edu.
MAP OF FORD FIELD

10 a.m.

Ford Field
Deck parking

Seating by college/school

MAP OF FORD FIELD

East Atrium

West Atrium

GATE G

GATE B

GATE A

10 a.m.
Seating by college/school

Ford Field
Deck parking

GATE B

GATE A

East Atrium

West Atrium

4 p.m.
Class of 2016

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