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 2018 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.

Commencement is always a special occasion at the university but this year is even more meaningful, as we celebrate 150 years of academic excellence in the heart of Detroit. We are delighted to celebrate this momentous day with the class of 2018.

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
Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
**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 Liberal Arts and Sciences  
School of Information Sciences  
College of Nursing  
Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
School of Social Work

**Ceremony II — 4 p.m.**  
Mike Ilitch School of Business  
College of Education  
College of Engineering  
College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts  
School of Medicine (Ph.D./Master’s)

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 $54.98 plus tax. The master's gown, including cap and hood, is $89.98 plus tax.

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES
Doctoral degree candidates (Pharm.D./Au.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 $117.98 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 $184 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.

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 5:30 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.
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 honors@wayne.edu if you have any questions. The commencement office does not issue honor stoles or cords.
**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. Upon arrival to Ford Field, guests with wheelchairs must visit Guest Services at Gate A, B or G for seating assistance by a Guest Services representative. Due to space constraints, only one escort may accompany the guest who requires wheelchair seating.

**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.
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 fordfield.com/events/detail/wsu-commencement.

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

- Woodward Avenue to E. Fisher Freeway Service Drive to Brush Street
- John R to Montcalm
- Madison and Gratiot to St. Antoine
- Brush to the stadium area

TRAFFIC
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 fordfield.com/events/detail/wsu-commencement. 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/PICKUP AREA
The drop-off and pickup 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 on the field one hour 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 fordfield.com/events/detail/wsu-commencement.

SECURITY PROCEDURES
Ford Field has implemented walk-through metal detectors at all entrances. All persons entering Ford Field should remove the following items and place them in the inspection bin prior to passing through the walk-through metal detectors: cellphones, cameras, keys and large metal objects.

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
- Coolers of any kind, including small soft-pack coolers
- Electronic equipment including laptop computers, video recorders, tripods and wearable video cameras, such as GoPros
- Food, beverages or liquids (cans, bottles or boxes)
- Noisemaking devices (bells, horns, kazoos, whistles, etc.)
- Strollers and infant/car seats or carriers
- Umbrellas
- Wrapped gifts
Please visit fordfield.com/events/detail/wsu-commencement 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. 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 and name pronunciation card 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 wear 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 may not be seated with your school/college; you may 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.

WHEELCHAIR/MOBILITY LIMITATION SEATING
Ford Field provides wheelchair accessible and companion seating for guests arriving with their own wheelchair. 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 location:
- 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, cellphones 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 AND NAMECOACH**

Graduates’ names will be announced during the ceremony. Graduates were given a name pronunciation card when they received their Graduate Access Pass. Cards should be completed before arriving to the stadium and ready to hand to the announcers as they reach the stage. If graduates have a difficult name to pronounce, they should visit commencement.wayne.edu/may and click on NameCoach to select the college/school and ceremony they are attending for additional information and instructions.
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 16 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 or the Office of Records at 313-577-3531 to verify graduation eligibility.
DISTINCTION AND HONORS
Wayne State University bestows upon students completing the baccalaureate degree three separate designations for scholastic excellence reflected in the cumulative honor point average. Graduation with Distinction will recognize the top 20 percent of students in each college/school who have earned the highest honor point average: *Summa Cum Laude* (top 5 percent), *Magna Cum Laude* (next 5 percent) and *Cum Laude* (next 10 percent). To be eligible for consideration, students must have accumulated 56 or more hours in residence at Wayne State University. Graduation with Distinction will be noted in the program book as well as indicated on the student’s diploma and on the transcript. This practice is observed at the undergraduate level only. If you have any questions, please contact your academic advisor.

Students who have completed the academic program requirements through the Irvin D. Reid Honors College 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. If you have any questions, please contact honors@wayne.edu.

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 for each ceremony.

COMMEMORATIVE DVDS
A special commemorative DVD of the May 2018 commencement ceremonies may be ordered for $15. Please place your order online at eply.com/CommencementDVD518. All orders must be placed by May 29, 2018. 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
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.
MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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