



THE UNIVERSITY of
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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on being a member of the 2016-2017 academic year graduating class! I know that it is a wonderful feeling of accomplishment to have achieved this very significant milestone in your life, a joy which is shared by your friends, families, and faculty and staff here at The University of Mississippi.

The Spring Commencement Convocation will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grove. Please read these instructions carefully, paying particular attention to the times. **You should arrive to the Grove not later than 8:30 a.m. in order to be seated in time for the convocation which begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. All degree candidates will be seated in specific areas in the Grove grouped by college or school. (Please see the color-coded map for more details.) You must be seated by 8:45 a.m.**

This year, the ceremony will be in two parts: **All degree candidates** will participate in the morning session at which time the commencement speaker will make his address and the Chancellor will confer the degrees and make his charge to the new graduates.

Also on Saturday, at designated times, baccalaureate, master, and specialist graduates will receive their diploma covers. Juris Doctorate and Doctor of Pharmacy graduates will receive hoods and diploma covers during the ceremonies of their schools. A special hooding ceremony will be held on Friday, May 12 for students receiving doctoral degrees through the Graduate School (Ph.D., Ed.D. and D.A.).

All graduates will participate in other special events arranged by their college or school. Your dean will provide more complete instructions concerning the college and school ceremonies. Please refer to the attached information sheet for details on the time and location of each ceremony.

A professional photographer will take photographs of all degree candidates as they receive diploma covers. Proofs will be e-mailed to each graduate. No other photographers are permitted; family and friends must remain in their seats during the processional and ceremony. Degree candidates may wish to join family and friends after the ceremony for photographs before turning in gowns and hoods.

It is most important that you arrive in adequate time to be identified as being present and to locate your seat within your school before the processional begins. The processional will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

All disabled graduates who require special seating should notify the Registrar's Office at (662) 915-7792 as soon as possible so that any necessary accommodations may be made.

Again, I congratulate you on this noteworthy accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Fant Pegues".

Charlotte Fant Pegues, Ph.D.
Registrar

P.S. All candidates must be on time. If you are not on time, you cannot participate in the ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
MAY 12-13, 2017

There will be a special hooding ceremony on Friday, May 12, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in The Gertrude C. Ford Performing Arts Center. Those students receiving doctoral degrees through the Graduate School (Ph.D., Ed.D., D.A.) will be hooded during this ceremony. Graduates receiving the doctorate should remember to carry their hoods draped over the left arm as it will be placed on the candidate as part of the ceremony.

The Commencement Convocation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017, in the Grove. **All candidates for degrees must be present not later than 8:30 a.m. The processional will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.** You will be seated in specific sections according to your school or college. Personnel from the Registrar's Office will be present to direct you to the proper place.

Morning events: Students will be seated by college or school. Candidates will be recognized as a group at the time of the conferral of degrees.

Afternoon events: The awarding of diplomas will occur for all candidates: **baccalaureate, master, specialist, and doctoral (J.D. and PharmD)** according to the following schedule:

11:00 a.m.	College of Liberal Arts	
	**Master's Degree Ceremony	Fulton Chapel
11:00 a.m.	School of Law	The Grove
	(In case of rain, ceremony will move to the Manning Center at 5:00 p.m.)	
11:00 a.m.	Applied Sciences	Pavilion
11:00 a.m.	Accountancy	Manning Center
11:00 a.m.	Engineering	Lyceum Circle
	(In case of rain, ceremony will be held in two parts – Ford Center)	
11:00 a.m.	Business Administration	Tad Smith Coliseum
11:00 a.m.	Education	The Grove
	(In case of rain, ceremony will move to the Pavilion at 5:00 p.m.)	
1:00 p.m.	Pharmacy	Manning Center
2:30 p.m.	College of Liberal Arts	Pavilion
	**Baccalaureate Degree Ceremony	
2:30 p.m.	Meek School of Journalism and New Media	Tad Smith Coliseum
3:00 p.m.	General Studies	Manning Center

Additional instructions about the individual college and school ceremonies will come from your dean.

Be sure to pick up your cap and gown in the C. M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum on these days and times: Wednesday, May 10th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 11th 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; or Friday, May 12th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 13th, please pick up your cap and gown at the Bookstore located in the Jackson Avenue Center from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. If you requested to pick up your cap and gown at your Regional campus, please check with your administrative office as for dates and times. If you have any problems, call the Ole Miss Bookstore at 662-915-7137. Each candidate must wear a cap and gown during the ceremonies.

In the event of inclement weather, a decision to move the ceremony will be made by Saturday, May 13 at 8:00 a.m. Notification will be available on the homepage (www.olemiss.edu), via RebAlert, through blast email or by calling 662-915-1040. The morning commencement ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Pavilion. **Graduates** should sit with their families and should be seated in the chairs on the Pavilion floor.