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TO: Graduating Senior



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Associate Dean

SUBJECT: Spring Semester Commencement Information

Congratulations! You are not far away from realizing the goal you set out to achieve several years ago -- your Bachelor's degree from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. Commencement is the formal recognition of your hard work and effort, and I urge you to participate fully in the undergraduate convocation as well as the college commencement ceremony.



The *Undergraduate Convocation takes place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8* in the Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Information regarding this event has been sent to you by the Office of the Provost.

The *College of Agriculture and Natural Resources commencement ceremony is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 9* in the Jack Breslin Student Events Center. This ceremony features individual recognition of each graduate. Seating is open; no tickets are required.

Because our commencement ceremony follows that of another college, parking at Breslin Center may be congested. Please consider parking in Commuter Lot #89 and taking a free shuttle bus to and from the Breslin Center. Parking is also available in the Kellogg Center parking ramp (there will be a charge for parking), in the lot on the southwest corner of Kalamazoo Street and Harrison Road or in the IM West visitor parking lot.

Please arrive at the Breslin Center no later than 6:45 p.m. and enter the building through the Service Entrance (or use Gate B and take the stairs or elevator down to the Arena Level) to the Service Area. Faculty escorts and others will assist you to find the gathering place for your major.

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When you arrive at the area designated for your major in the Breslin Center area, pick up your name card from the department representative for your major. **The College will not mail your name card prior to the ceremony. IMPORTANT: If you know that your name is subject to mispronunciation, please contact your academic adviser by April 19 to indicate the correct pronunciation of your name.**

The *Processional will begin at 7:30 p.m.* You will be led into the Breslin Center Arena by the faculty marshals. During the ceremony, you will cross the stage as your department chairperson or school director announces your name and receive a token diploma from the Dean.

- Return to your seat for the rest of the ceremony. Please give those students who cross the stage after you the same respect they give to you. The remainder of the ceremony is quite brief.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, the MSU Symphony Band will play the recessional music while the platform party, faculty and new graduates leave the arena.
- Guests with mobility characteristics requiring the use of a wheelchair are invited to use the designated platforms in Breslin Arena. Please note, wheelchair platforms areas are established on a first come-first serve basis and no more than one additional family member is permitted to sit with in the area with the individual in a wheelchair.
- Open caption will be available on the jumbotron (large video board above at the center of the arena).
- Watch for information on your complimentary Michigan State University Alumni Association membership.

I look forward to seeing you on commencement day. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Dorcia Chaison through email at chaison@msu.edu or by phone call to 355-0234.