



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA  
**GREENSBORO**

**University Registrar's Office  
Commencement Committee**

February 8, 2017

Dear Friends and Families of May 2017 Degree Candidates:

Commencement at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro represents a highlight in the life of its graduating students and in the lives of their families and friends. It also allows the university an opportunity to recognize the scholarship and achievements of graduates, as well as the sacrifices and contributions of family members toward achievement of this important goal. It is with great pleasure that the faculty and administration of UNCG invite you to participate in this joyous event honoring students who will complete degree requirements in May 2017. We look forward to making this event an enjoyable and memorable one for all who attend.

You are receiving this communication because your student applied for May 2017 graduation; it does not imply completion of degree requirements. Degree candidates will be informed of their graduation status via e-mail in March. This communication is designed to provide you with some information related to the commencement ceremony.

**THE MAY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.** May 2017 commencement will be held in the Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, North Carolina, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12. The ceremony itself will last approximately two and one half hours.

**REGALIA AND RSVP.** Degree candidates will be informed through their university e-mail accounts to order academic regalia through the university bookstore and to RSVP for the commencement ceremony.

**PARKING.** Undergraduates and their guests should park in the general parking lots of the Coliseum. Parking is unlimited and free; no parking passes are required by the Coliseum. Maps are available online at <http://reg.uncg.edu/commencement-central/coliseum-information>.

**SECURITY.** In recent years, security has been heightened at many public events and the Greensboro Coliseum has increased its security measures. Because purses and possibly coats may be checked on commencement day, we suggest that you bring only those items that are necessary. Please leave any packages, flowers, balloons, or other gifts for graduates in your vehicles as these may be confiscated.

**SEATING.** General seating is unlimited and is not reserved. The Coliseum doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. All guests should plan to be in their seats by 9:45 a.m. **Graduates have been instructed to arrive at their designated assembly area at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex no later than 9:15 a.m.** We will have special seating areas for the deaf and hard of hearing, those with restricted mobility, and those with medical problems. Note that guests with *restricted mobility* should enter the Coliseum from the ground floor of the East Wing of the Special Events Center. The elevator will be clearly marked. Contact the Guest Services Manager of the Greensboro Coliseum, 336-373-7461, for more information. Please e-mail [registrar@uncg.edu](mailto:registrar@uncg.edu) if anyone in your party is *deaf or hard of hearing*.

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**GRADUATION FEE AND DIPLOMAS.** The graduation fee of \$65.00 for undergraduates must be paid in the Cashiers and Student Accounts Office by April 12, 2017. The graduation fee covers some of the costs of commencement, including the diploma and diploma cover. During the departmental ceremonies, graduates will receive diploma covers; however, diplomas for May graduates will be mailed, to the address listed on the student's degree application, after graduation clearance is finalized in June.

**OUTSTANDING BALANCES.** Students who have outstanding financial obligations to the university will not receive diplomas in the mail, and will be unable to obtain official transcripts until such obligations have been taken care of in the Cashiers and Student Accounts Office. All debts owed the university must be cleared 30 days prior to commencement.

Please feel free to call on us if we can be of assistance to you in any way regarding commencement, or you may access our Web site for additional commencement information at <http://CommencementCentral.uncg.edu>.

We congratulate your graduate on his or her accomplishments and look forward to seeing you in May.

Sincerely,



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University Registrar



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