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Dear Graduating School of Education Student:

This letter is to provide preliminary information about the School of Education graduation ceremony in May. You will receive a formal invitation in April, along with information about parking.

The School of Education graduation is a wonderful community event with all faculty, staff, and graduate students attending as well as teacher licensure and degree recipients. This year's ceremony will be held **Friday, May 6th** at Macky Auditorium. Graduates will formally process into the auditorium promptly at 3:30 p.m., so you will need to arrive at Macky no later than 3:00 p.m. in order to change into your robe and find your place in line. Faculty and Staff Marshals will be on hand when you arrive at Macky to explain where you need to go and what you need to do for the ceremony, which will last approximately one hour. A reception will follow.

All graduates must <u>click here</u> to go to the Graduation Registration Page and let us know if you are planning to attend the School of Education ceremony. You will receive a confirmation E-mail by Thursday, May 5th that you must print out and bring with you to the ceremony to ensure that you have a seat. **We will only hold enough seats for graduates who register by May 2nd.** Tickets to the event are not required, but RSVP to the website <u>is</u> required. Please feel free to bring your family and friends to help celebrate your success. If you or any of your guests require special accommodations for a disability, please notify Sara McDonald at 303-492-3351 at least two weeks in advance of the ceremony so arrangements can be made.

If you are a Ph.D. student who graduated in August or December of 2015 and would like to participate in the May commencement ceremony, please contact Staci Shea at (303) 735-0096 or Staci.Shea@colorado.edu no later than Monday, April 4th.

Because this is an academic ceremony, academic regalia **is** required. The following information will assist you in obtaining your regalia. Click here to go directly to the Commencement site for regalia information.

Undergraduate and Post-BA Students

Undergraduates are required to purchase regalia for the ceremony from the CU Book Store, located in the University Memorial Center (UMC), during regular business hours. Regalia will be available beginning March 16, 2016 at the cashiers in the lower level of the store. The cost to purchase undergraduate regalia is \$43.99 (plus tax) for standard sizes and \$47.99 (plus tax) for larger sizes. The regalia set includes a cap, gown, and degree tassel. Regalia is non-returnable once it is purchased. Other souvenir regalia packages are available for purchase. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. For more information call 303-492-6411, visit the store or go to www.cubookstore.com.

Master's, Master's Plus and Doctoral Students

Master's and doctoral graduates can rent academic regalia for the ceremony at Balch Fieldhouse at the following times:

Thursday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. (quantities limited)

You must pay for your regalia rental with cash. Fees for rental of cap, gown, and hood are: Master's \$48.00; Doctoral \$55.00 (includes tam). Rented regalia (master's and doctoral) must be returned to the Fieldhouse between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th. Any rented regalia not returned the day of the ceremony should be returned within three business days with your pink rental slip to the CU Bookstore during regular business hours. If rental apparel is not returned within three business days you will be charged for the full replacement value. To order custom master's or doctorate regalia (if not received in time, you must still rent regalia to participate in the ceremony) please contact Diane Phillips at Willsie Cap and Gown at 720-273-7729 or dphillip@ecentral.com. Fine quality orders need to be submitted at least 5 weeks prior to commencement to avoid incurring additional charges.

For additional information regarding the campus commencement ceremony and regalia, please visit www.cubookstore.com or http://www.colorado.edu/commencement/. We look forward to seeing you at the graduation ceremony.

Sincerely,

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