IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CREIGHTON GRADUATES
Saturday, May 14, 2016 Commencement Ceremonies

BEFORE THE CEREMONY:

- **Leave valuables** at home or with family members.

- **Arrive at the CenturyLink Center Omaha** at 8:30 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. ceremony and at 12 p.m. for the 1 p.m. ceremony. You will robe and line up in **Hall A** which is located off of the Grand Hallway.

  - **9:30 a.m.**
    - College of Nursing
    - School of Dentistry
    - School of Medicine
    - School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
  
  - **1 p.m.**
    - College of Arts and Sciences
    - Heider College of Business
    - College of Professional Studies
    - Emergency Medical Services Education
    - School of Law
    - Graduate School

- **CHECK IN** at your school or college check in table immediately inside Hall A.
  
  o At your check in table you will receive a reader card with your name, degree(s) and a number.
  
  o Line up in your school’s line up area in numerical order by the number on your card.
  
  o DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD. YOU MUST TAKE IT TO THE STAGE TO HAVE YOUR NAME READ.

- Restrooms are at the back of Hall A. Leave plastic and hangers from your regalia on the tables in Hall A, not in the restrooms.

- The tassel on your cap goes on the right and stays there until the end of the ceremony when the President will direct all graduates to move it to the left side.

- Professional level and master’s level candidates wear their hoods, except Ph.D. candidates; they carry the hood draped over the left forearm for investiture on stage.

DURING THE CEREMONY:

- An **Associate Marshal** from your school or college will lead you to your seats in the arena.

- **Stay in your line** and in correct order during the procession.

- The faculty and stage party members will process in after you. As a mark of respect, turn to face the aisles as they process in.

- When it is time, your **Associate Marshal** will direct you to line up to cross the stage. Please keep the line continuous with no breaks; do not lag behind.

- At the bottom of the stage ramp, **check in with the staff assistant**. At the top of the ramp, **hand your reader card** to the Grand Marshal on stage. **Move forward as soon as your name is announced**.

- **Shake hands with the President**. Your photo will be taken at that moment. Then proceed across the stage to **shake hands with your dean and receive your diploma cover**.

- After you leave the stage, you will be directed backstage to **have your photo taken**. Marshals backstage will then direct you back around to your seat in the arena.

- Remain in your seat throughout the ceremony. Please be considerate; loud cheering for one student often means the name of the next student cannot be heard. Do not throw items or take part in like behaviors.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY:

- MORNING CEREMONY: Graduates will recess out of the arena, led by the Associate Marshals. If you would like to take photos with your family while you are still in your regalia, you may do so in the Grand Hallway, but NOT in Hall A. Return your regalia and pick up your diploma in Hall A.

- AFTERNOON CEREMONY: Graduates will not recess out of the arena. They will simply stay on the arena floor and may greet family there, in the Grand Hallway or in Hall A for photos. Return your regalia and pick up your diploma in Hall A by 4:30 p.m.

- You may keep the souvenir mortarboard cap, tassel and hood. Tams and gowns must be turned in.

- If you would like to purchase your tam, you may do so when you return your regalia in Hall A. To purchase at a later date, contact Troy Willsie at troygraves@frontiernet.net or call 402.699.1471.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Parking:
University lots that are west of 20th Street are available for parking free of charge on Friday and Saturday.

Parking on campus can be challenging with more than 2,000 graduates and their families attending events. Please note the following locations where you may drop off guests for events:

- Kiewit Fitness Center (Baccalaureate Mass) - Drop-off at Deglman Circle on west side of 24th Street, between Cass and Burt streets.
- Mike and Josie Harper Center - Drop off on east side of building (20th Street), between Cass and Burt streets.

Shuttles:
Shuttles will run between the McGloin Parking Lot and the CenturyLink Center between 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. The McGloin Parking Lot is located just east of the 24th Street Parking Garage; enter the lot from Burt Street, just east of 24th Street.

Photos:
Photos from hoodings and commencement may be ordered online at events.lifetouch.com/creighton
Or call 800.505.9496, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.

Live Stream:
The link for the commencement livestream is: https://livestream.com/CreightonUniversity/Commencement2016
The ceremonies will be available for viewing on the commencement website following the ceremonies.

Social Media:
Use #CreightonGrad to share your Commencement excitement! Post Senior Week, congratulatory messages, hooding, family and friend photos, and more. Be sure to tag Creighton on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Instagram: @Creighton1878
Facebook: Creighton University
Twitter: @Creighton | @CreightonPres | @CreightonAlumni