

Commencement

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2007 10 a.m., Assembly Hall, Bloomington Campus



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION FOR 2007 GRADUATES

Please Read Carefully. If you have any questions after reading this brochure, visit www.indiana.edu/~ceremony or call the IU Alumni Office at (812) 855-4664.

The Commencement Ceremony will be held Saturday, December 15, 2007, in Assembly Hall.

Assembly Hall opens at 8:30 a.m.
Lineup (Fieldhouse) starts at 8:30 a.m.
Procession begins at 9:15 a.m.
Ceremony begins at 10 a.m.

Students are eligible to participate in the 2007 December Commencement Ceremony when they have completed the requirements for graduation by December 2007, or through the University Graduate School during the months of September through December.

Caps and gowns are to be worn by all candidates attending the Commencement ceremony. This apparel may be rented from only the IU Bookstore. Rental charges for academic apparel are: bachelor's and associate, \$67.98; master's, \$76.98; and doctoral, \$91.98; plus 6% Indiana sales tax. The ordering deadline is November 19. You may also reserve your academic apparel online at www.herffjones.com/college/graduation. Online reservations will not be available after November 19. Each bachelor and associate rental will include a stole of gratitude to be worn by the graduate during the ceremony. The graduate may keep the cap, tassel, and stole of gratitude. *All undergraduate gowns, and master's and doctoral gowns and hoods, must be returned to the Harry Gladstein Fieldhouse immediately following the ceremony.* Souvenir stoles may be purchased as keepsakes or gifts at a cost of \$22.98 each plus 6% Indiana sales tax.

Apparel will be ready for distribution at the IU Bookstore upper level balcony. Distribution times are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, December 13, and Friday, December 14. On Saturday, December 15, distribution will start at 7:30 a.m. in the Fieldhouse. Distribution on Saturday will be at your own risk, since very little time will be available prior to the ceremony.

Students tentatively selected to receive degrees with honors are entitled to wear fourragères, which are cords worn on the left shoulder during the Commencement ceremonies. Cream and crimson cords indicate "Highest Distinction"; cream cords indicate "High Distinction"; crimson cords indicate "Distinction." These honor cords must be obtained from the deans of the respective schools before Friday, December 14. The recipients may keep the fourragères.

Candidates for doctoral degrees will be presented hoods during the ceremony by members of the faculty. Candidates will be responsible for renting their hoods. The marshals will inform them of the hooding procedure during the lineup.

Commencement announcements are available from the IU Bookstore.

Attendance at Commencement is not compulsory, but you are encouraged to participate.

Tickets are not needed.

Procession Graduates are to report to the Gladstein Fieldhouse (just east of Assembly Hall) starting at 8:30 a.m. for the procession lineup. The procession will begin at 9:15 a.m. Do not be late!

Candidates are not to wear caps and gowns into the lineup area. Caps and gowns must be carried into the lineup area and robing will take place there. Your lineup position will be identified by your school banner or sign. School marshals will be available to assist you in the lineup for the procession. Only graduates in appropriate academic attire will be permitted in the seating area for the ceremony. The Commencement committee requests your assistance in upholding the dignity and tradition of the Commencement ceremony by refraining from any activity that may be distracting or inappropriate. It is preferred that you wear business casual under your academic attire. Candidates will be lined up by degree within each school, with the candidates receiving the highest degree at the front of the line (doctoral, master's, bachelor's, associate).

The ceremony. Graduates and faculty are to be seated as they reach their places. As the platform group reaches the stage, all graduates and faculty will rise and remain standing through the invocation and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Following the charge of the class, President McRobbie will recognize the dean of each of the schools, who in turn will introduce the candidates and present them to the president. After the president confers the degrees, the candidates will immediately grasp the tassels of their caps with the left hand and transfer them to the left side of their caps. (All candidates for higher degrees will wear the tassels on the left side from the beginning.)

All Candidates must remain in their seats until after the recessional of the platform party, which closes the ceremony. Your attendance indicates your intention of not leaving Assembly Hall before the end of the ceremony, which is estimated to take one and one-half hours. By leaving early you will disrupt the ceremony and show disrespect for your fellow candidates.

Special seating is available for those persons in need of a sign language interpreter and for wheelchair users, who must provide their own wheelchairs. Prior arrangements should be made with the Indiana University Alumni Office by calling (812) 855-4664. Seating should be completed 45 minutes prior to the start of the Commencement ceremony.

Diplomas will be prepared for those who have completed the requirements for their degrees by December 2007, or through the University Graduate School during the months of September through December. They will be mailed from the registrar's office following certification of the degrees and printing of the diplomas.

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in Assembly Hall. Please have respect for your fellow candidates and refrain from bringing alcoholic beverages to the ceremony. You will be asked to leave the Commencement ceremony if you do not abide by this policy.