

March 1, 2016

To Candidates for PhD, EdD, DMA, and DNP Degrees at the May 2016 Commencement:

I cordially invite you to participate in your Commencement, the University's one hundred sixty-sixth, on Saturday, May 14, 2016 in Kodak Hall at the Eastman Theatre. This ceremonial occasion recognizes the distinguished accomplishments of doctoral graduates from all schools of the University who have earned the University's highest academic degrees. It is a meaningful event, when you and your guests can celebrate your achievements and meet faculty and students who shaped your University experience.

At Commencement, distinguished educators provide brief comments, and the President formally confers the degrees and presents a diploma to each graduate, who is then presented with his or her doctoral hood. Following the ceremony, there is a reception in the Cominsky Promenade on the second floor of the Eastman School of Music.

All degree candidates must arrive by 8:00 a.m. as described below. The event begins with a concert prelude at 8:30 a.m. The formal ceremony begins at 9:00 a.m. and should end at approximately 10:30 a.m.

By April 8: In order to participate in the ceremony, you **MUST complete online registration accessible at <https://emsregics.ur.rochester.edu/2016DoctoralCommencement>**. You will be asked to provide important information, such as name pronunciation and degree to be awarded. This information will be used to create the line-up order for the procession and diploma distribution and is essential to the success of the ceremony.

Your guests do not need tickets, but we ask that you indicate when registering online the number of guests in your party so we can plan accordingly. Please also indicate any special needs on the registration site. Seating is available in a reserved area for guests with special needs. The following companies rent wheelchairs on a daily/weekly basis. As their inventories are limited, please call and make arrangements promptly.

Monroe Wheelchair
3340 Monroe Avenue
(585) 385-3920

<http://www.monroewheelchair.com>

Upstate Home Care
200 Airpark Drive
(585) 328-2050

<http://www.upstatehomecare.com>

All candidates in the ceremony are required to rent or buy University of Rochester regalia (caps and gowns). Orders for regalia must be placed online at <http://www.oakhalli.com/rochester>. All rented regalia must be returned; you may not keep hoods, caps or tassels. If rental regalia are not returned by May 21, 2016, the replacement value of \$920.40 will be billed to you directly.

On May 14: Please follow the informational signs and report to the Grand Balcony level of the Eastman Theatre between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. for registration and assembly. If you arrive late, you will be placed at the end of the line and will receive a blank diploma. Please note that only doctoral candidates will be permitted on the Grand Balcony level before the ceremony. Your guests will be directed to seating in Kodak Hall.

To participate, you must complete online registration and the regalia order form by April 8.

Other University Commencement Ceremonies are scheduled as follows:

School of Nursing Commencement

Bachelor's and Master's candidates from SON
1:00 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

School of Medicine and Dentistry Commencement

Medical Doctor candidates from SMD
4:00 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Arts, Sciences and Engineering and School of Medicine and Dentistry Master's Degree Commencement

Master's candidates from AS&E and SMD
12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2016
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Warner School of Education Commencement

Master's candidates from the Warner School
3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2016
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

The College Commencement

Bachelor's candidates from The College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering
9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 15, 2016
Eastman Quadrangle, River Campus

Eastman School of Music Commencement

Bachelor's and Master's candidates from ESM
11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 15, 2016
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Simon Business School Commencement

M.B.A., E.M.B.A., and M.S. candidates from the Simon School
10:00 a.m. Sunday, June 5, 2016
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

If you need additional information, please call the Event and Classroom Management Office at 275-4111, or access the Commencement website at <http://www.rochester.edu/commencement> for frequently-asked questions and information.

We look forward to celebrating your success.

Cordially,



Margaret H. Kearney
Vice Provost and University Dean of Graduate Studies