



Cornell University

October 20, 2016

Dear January '17 Degree Candidate,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the university's [Recognition Event for January Graduates](#) at **Bartels Hall** on **Saturday, December 17, 2016**. The 10:00am ceremony will begin with a formal procession into Newman Arena and end at 11:15am, followed by a reception in the Ramin Room until noon. This is a special event enjoyed by students and their families. There is no limit to the number of guests who may attend this university event, and there are no tickets needed.

If you plan to attend:

- [ORDER cap & gown](#) by November 15
- [RSVP#1 – university event](#) by December 15
- [RSVP#2 – college event](#) (for additional events at CALS, CHE, ILR, SHA)

If you do not plan to attend: no RSVP or reply is needed, disregard these attendance instructions.

Cap & Gown dates: Order by November 15
Pick up December 15-16 – take photo ID
Return December 17 – in Bartels Hall, by noon

Ceremony arrival: On December 17, **arrive at Bartels Hall by 9:15am** wearing cap & gown. You will need time to check-in to receive your name card and assemble for the [procession](#). Please **do not be late**, or your family will miss seeing you in the procession, and you may not be seated with your college.

The [Recognition Event](#) web page has more information, including a [checklist](#), the [procession order](#), and a copy of the [information packet](#) for families.

We hope to see you and your family on December 17th. Congratulations!

Note about May 2017 Commencement: *You will be invited to walk in the spring [Commencement Ceremony](#) on Sunday, May 28, even if you walk in the December Recognition Event. In late January, we will be mailing Commencement information to the home address of all undergraduates with a January '17 degree, so you do not need to request being added to our Commencement mailing list. To ensure you receive the mailing, please make sure your home address in StudentCenter is up to date. If you plan to walk in May, follow instructions contained in the mailing. If you do not plan to walk in May, disregard the mailing altogether.*

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