January 2016

Dear Family,

Congratulations to you as your son or daughter prepares to graduate from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences. It is my great pleasure to invite you to attend Commencement at 11:00 am, on Sunday, May 29, 2016 to celebrate this accomplishment.

University Commencement Activities
This packet contains a “checklist” directing you to the commencement website for many important details about the weekend’s events for you and your family. Also enclosed is a sample of a formal announcement card you may order, an information letter with four (4) Commencement event severe-weather plan tickets (attendance is limited if the ceremony is moved indoors due to severe weather), and a flyer from the Cornell Store. Tickets are not needed for the Commencement ceremony on Sunday, outside, at the stadium. However, seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so we encourage you and your family to arrive at the stadium between 8-9:30 am. The procession of nearly 6,000 students will begin arriving at the stadium around 10 am. Then the ceremony is 11-12 pm with many college events following, at 12:30 pm.

In early February, the Commencement Office will send a detailed email to your student with specific information directing them to the commencement website, also.

Please refer to the Commencement Office's website, www.commencement.cornell.edu for more information, or email commencement@cornell.edu, or call 607-255-9541.

College Commencement Activities
Following the University ceremony many ceremonies and receptions will be held in the department of your student’s major and there will be an opportunity to exchange personal greetings. A listing of these events is on the Commencement website. Your student’s diploma will be mailed to the home address on file in mid to late June.

I look forward to seeing you on May 29th.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Ritter
The Harold Tanner Dean

Enclosures
**Cornell University**  
**Commencement Weekend 2016**  
**May 27, 28, 29**  
www.commencement.cornell.edu for links to all information

### Student Checklist

Prior to Commencement Day

- **February 1 - April 15**  
  **ORDER CAP & GOWN**  
  ***deadline is April 15***

- **February 1-29**  
  Reservation Step 1: Students may register online for family/guests who would like **residence hall accommodations**.  
  **March 14**  
  Reservation Step 2: Students select location & rooms.

- **May 25 - May 28**  
  Pick up CAP & GOWN, 10am-6pm, Teagle Hall, multi-purpose room

Commencement Day: Sunday, May 29

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<td>Procession to Schoellkopf begins</td>
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**Procession & Ceremony** will be webcast 10am-noon

Following Commencement Ceremony

- Attend **college/department event**, if applicable
- **RETURN CAP & GOWN** on campus, 12-5pm
- **Diplomas** are mailed in June.

### Family Information

- **WEEKEND OVERVIEW & TIPS** are posted on the [Welcome](#) page.
- **SCHEDULE**: Plan your itinerary from [Weekend Schedule](#), such as **Senior Convocation** on Saturday, **Commencement** on Sunday, and **College & Department** events.

- **COMMENCEMENT** is on Sunday. Families should be in seats at Schoellkopf Stadium by 9-9:30am to see their student in the 10am procession prior to the **ceremony**.

- **ACCESSIBILITY**: Request an **accessibility plan (seating/parking)** for guests with limited mobility or who use sign language.

- **LODGING**: Visit [Travel & Lodging](#) for hotel & **residence hall** options. Statler Hotel is not available.

- **VISA**: Instructions for [Tourist Visa](#).

- **TICKETS**: [Tickets](#) are not needed for Commencement Ceremony at Schoellkopf Stadium, and there is no limit to number of guests.

- **SEVERE WEATHER TICKETS**: **Severe Weather Tickets** mailed in **Commencement Packets** are used only if ceremony is moved indoors. Bring your severe weather tickets with you in May, as tickets are not replaced if forgotten or lost.

### Commencement

**Sunday, May 29, 2016**

- 8:00am-9:30am: Guests arrive at Schoellkopf Stadium
- 10:00am-11:00am: Academic Procession  
  Watch for your graduate!
- 11:00am-Noon: Commencement Ceremony  
  [College/Department Events](#)

Office of Commencement Events  
607-255-9541  
commencement@cornell.edu

More information online at www.commencement.cornell.edu

- Accessibility
- Announcements & Rings
- College/Department Events
- Convocation
- Dining
- Diploma Frames
- Directions & Maps
- Parking & Seating
- Travel & Lodging
- Webcast
- Weekend Schedule
The University Commencement Ceremony will be held outside at Schoellkopf Stadium, even in rain. There are no admission tickets to Schoellkopf and no limit on number of guests who may attend there.

SEVERE WEATHER PLAN: Ceremony location & time will change under the Severe Weather Plan!!!
In the event of potentially dangerous weather, torrential downpour, high winds, lightning, or conditions deemed unsafe for guests to sit outside, the university may enact the Severe Weather Plan (SWP). Under this plan, the large university ceremony will not take place at Schoellkopf Stadium or at the original time planned. Instead, the ceremony will be moved indoors to Barton Hall and be held at a different time. Please check your enclosed tickets for your assigned severe weather ceremony time. Remember, these SWP tickets will be used ONLY if the main ceremony is moved indoors; otherwise, the ceremony will remain outdoors at Schoellkopf Stadium where no tickets are needed. See http://commencement.cornell.edu/May/tickets.html for more information.

SEVERE WEATHER TICKETS: Enclosed are your student’s 4 Severe Weather Tickets for your family/guests.
- 2 tickets to attend the SWP ceremony in Barton Hall. Graduate does not need a ticket.
- 2 tickets to watch the SWP broadcast on large screens in Bartels Hall, Statler Hall, Kennedy Hall (see ★ on map).
Entry to SWP ceremony & broadcast locations is by appropriate Severe Weather Ticket ONLY, as seating is very limited.

REPLACEMENT TICKETS
Tickets cannot be replaced if forgotten, lost, destroyed, etc., nor may we issue extra tickets per student.
⇒ Remember to bring your Severe Weather Tickets with you to Ithaca!

GUESTS WITHOUT A SEVERE WEATHER TICKET
We realize this fair and equitable ticketing system may leave some families with fewer tickets than desired. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding of our indoor space limitations in the event of severe weather, and invite your additional family members to watch the ceremony online from the comfort of a home or hotel, away from dangerous weather. The ceremony is webcast rain or shine and will remain online at www.cornell.edu/video for the entire family to enjoy together when you return home.
WEBCAST: Watch online at www.cornell.edu from your own device & location. No ticket needed for online viewing.

COLLEGE & DEPARTMENT EVENTS — Sunday
Severe Weather Tickets pertain to Sunday’s university ceremony only. However, some college & department ceremonies planned for Sunday may also be affected by the Severe Weather Plan: http://commencement.cornell.edu/PDF/SWSchedule.pdf. Diplomas are mailed home in June, so diploma distribution is not affected by Commencement Weekend weather.
This online reference copy of the Commencement Packet DOES NOT CONTAIN actual Severe Weather Plan tickets.

Severe Weather Plan (SWP) tickets are distributed in original Commencement Packets.

Packets contain a set of tickets (pictured below) for either 10:30am or 1:00pm, based on student's college.

**10:30am SWP TICKETS**
- Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Arts and Sciences
- Johnson School
- Law School
- Veterinary Medicine

**1:00pm SWP TICKETS**
- Architecture, Art, and Planning
- Engineering
- Graduate School
- Hotel School
- Human Ecology
- Industrial and Labor Relations

**IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER, not just rain:**
Sunday's main ceremony time and location would change, due to being moved from Schoellkopf Stadium (outdoors) to Barton Hall (indoors).
If the main ceremony is moved indoors to Barton Hall, SWP tickets will be required for guest admission.
Refer to your SWP tickets for your college's assigned SWP ceremony time, either 10:30am or 1:00pm.

**IF THE MAIN CEREMONY REMAINS OUTDOORS, as planned:**
Sunday's main ceremony will be held at 11:00am at Schoellkopf Stadium, where no tickets are needed and there is no limit to the number of guests who may attend!
All colleges will participate in one outdoor procession and ceremony.

**WEBCAST:**
The main ceremony will be webcast at www.cornell.edu/video.
This is a great way for extra family & friends to enjoy the ceremony, rain or shine!
MAY 2016 GRADUATES

NOW'S THE TIME to order your Cornell graduation announcements & class rings!

A. Personalized Graduation Announcement
   Our announcement is designed to tell your friends and family about your upcoming graduation ceremony. Your custom announcement is personalized with your name, degree, major, ceremony information, and is engraved with the University seal on the outside. Inner and outer envelopes are included with each announcement.

B. Announcement Cover
   The black cover keeps one of your announcements protected for a keepsake of your graduation day.

C. Return Address Labels
   These labels have your name, address, city, state and zip along with the University seal in the upper left corner.

D. Envelope Seals
   Put the final touch on the announcement inner envelope with an elegant seal.

E. Thank You Notes
   A traditional way to say “thank you” to those who helped make your graduation a special event.

F. Certificate of Appreciation & Cover
   Honor your loved ones for their support with a special certificate. Printed on quality paper with a gold engraved seal. This set includes a vinyl cover making it a perfect way to show your appreciation.

See opposite side for order instructions.
Ordering Graduation Announcements & Class Rings

Dear Family and Graduating Student:

Cornell University congratulates you and your student on this upcoming graduation! The University Commencement Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Order personalized Graduation Announcements and a Class Ring from Balfour, Cornell’s preferred vendor.

Announcements: The personalized announcement shares news of academic achievements with family and friends. When ordering you will need to know the student’s full name, degree, and major.

Class Rings: A class ring serves as an important symbol of accomplishments while at Cornell University. Each design has detailed engraving and craftsmanship that make a class ring something to wear with pride.

Order both announcements and rings online: www.balfour.com/cornell or by phone: 800-433-0296. Order in person at The Cornell Store any time.

Order an Announcement Package and Save!

** The prices on this page do not include sales tax or $10.95 shipping & handling and are subject to change without notice.

We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, cash, or personal check. Make checks payable to:
Balfour
P.O. Box 781
Manhattan, KS 66505-0781
Gift Collection

A. Desk Box* ($01053) $99.99
B. “Class of” Circle Logo Photo Frames ($03920) Vertical Photo $99.99 ($03920) Horizontal Photo $99.99
*Includes blank plate. Order personalization online. Instructions included with plaque or at local engraver.

Why a Diploma Frame?

Celebrate Your Achievement
Graduation is an exciting and emotional time. A diploma says you’ve made it! A diploma frame is the perfect way to protect, display, and celebrate this achievement.

A Memorable Gift!
A diploma frame is a thoughtful gift that any grad will appreciate. It will bring back memories that last a lifetime!

Expertly Crafted Frames
- Official Cornell University frames
- High-quality wood framing, custom-made in the USA by Church Hill Classics.
- Museum-quality archival matting and mounting materials to protect your diploma from damage and discoloration.
- Removable back so you can easily insert your diploma.

You’ll love our frames, we guarantee it!

The Cornell Store, 135 Ho Plaza, Ithaca, NY 14853

Diploma Frame & Graduation Gift Guide

Grad Pack $259.95
($04800) Medallion Paperweight, reg. price $29.99
Spectrum Photo Frame, reg. price $39.99
Desk Box, reg. price $59.99
Medallion Diploma Frame in
Kennington Gold, reg. price $229.99
If purchased separately, $339.96

SAVE $100!

Campus Scene in Murano $239.99
Gold Embossed in Cambridge $179.99

800-624-4080 - store.cornell.edu
TO THE FAMILY OF
[student's name]
[home address that student provided in StudentCenter]