

March 7, 2017

Dear College of Idaho's Class of 2017 Parents, Family, and Friends,

We hope you are already beginning your plans to attend The College of Idaho's 2017 Commencement Weekend. It is a much-anticipated celebration, and we welcome you and your family to the activities surrounding this momentous occasion.

It will be very helpful to visit the commencement website at www.collegeofidaho.edu/commencement as you begin making plans for the celebration. This will include the most updated schedule of events, the regalia adornment policy, and information about the area.

Commencement Weekend begins with a Baccalaureate Service on Friday, May 19 at 8 p.m. in Jewett Auditorium. This is a multi-denominational, contemporary service for graduates, families and friends, coordinated by the Office of Campus Ministries. Baccalaureate includes music, student speakers, student photos and a light dessert reception. As part of the Baccalaureate Service, please submit one photo of your graduate from their childhood. Please send your photo as a JPEG file between 300dpi and 800 dpi to: tstreight@collegeofidaho.edu no later than **May 5**. A childhood photo is not *required* for participation in Baccalaureate.

Commencement exercises will be held Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. (MDT) in Morrison Quadrangle, followed by a reception for graduates, family and friends. There is no limit on the number of family and friends who may attend and tickets for admission are not required. For those unable to attend in person, a live webcast of the ceremony will be presented at www.collegeofidaho.edu/videostream.

To participate in the ceremony, all graduates must wear appropriate academic regalia (cap and gown). You may want to remind your student to order his/her gown before April 1st to avoid a late fee. All orders must be placed by April 28. College of Idaho graduation announcements and gift items are also available at the College Store. Personalized announcements and class rings can be ordered at Jostens.com and frames are available at FramingSuccess.com. Again, graduates must wear their regalia at the ceremony in order to participate.

As a special surprise for your student, we invite you to write a note of 200 words or less to be included with his/her degree. You may send an email with your message to parents@collegeofidaho.edu to be transferred to a note or you can send a handwritten note to Alumni/Parent Relations, College of Idaho, 2112 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, ID 83605. **All notes must be received by May 5.**

We look forward to your visit to The College of Idaho. If you have questions, please feel free to call (208)459-5770 or email sskinner@collegeofidaho.edu.

Sincerely,

Sally Skinner
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Commencement Weekend

May 19-20, 2017

Friday, May 19

8 p.m.

Baccalaureate Service, Jewett Auditorium

Saturday, May 20

7:45am – Departmental photos

8:50am – Senior Class photo

9:00am – Assemble/start to line up in regalia, JAAC

9:30am – Graduation candidates line up for processional, JAAC

9:55am – Processional to Commencement

10:00am – Commencement, Morrison Quadrangle

12:15pm – Family and Friends Reception

Additional Information

Lodging: Commencement is a busy time of year so we suggest that you make reservations soon if you will need lodging during your stay. A list of nearby hotels is included for your convenience.

Parking: After arriving on campus, the best place to park is in the JA Activities Center parking lot on the southeast corner of campus.