

February 18, 2018

Dear Parents, Family, and Friends of the College of Idaho's Class of 2018,

We hope you are already beginning your plans to attend The College of Idaho's 2018 Commencement Weekend. It is a much-anticipated celebration, and we welcome you and your family to the activities surrounding this momentous occasion.

**Find Current Information on the website:** It will be very helpful to visit the commencement website at [www.collegeofidaho.edu/commencement](http://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.

**Baccalaureate:** Commencement Weekend begins with a Baccalaureate Service on Friday, May 18 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](mailto:tstreight@collegeofidaho.edu) no later than **May 5**. A childhood photo is not required for participation in Baccalaureate.

**Commencement exercises:** Commencement exercises will be held Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. (MST) in the Morrison Quadrangle, which will be 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 may be available. Check the Commencement webpage for further information.

**Regalia:** To participate in the ceremony, all graduates must wear appropriate academic regalia (cap and gown). You may want to remind your student to order their gown before April 2 to avoid a late fee. All orders must be placed by April 27. 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](http://Jostens.com) and frames are available at [FramingSuccess.com](http://FramingSuccess.com). Again, graduates must wear their regalia at the ceremony in order to participate.

**Thinking of you notes or treats:** Commencement is an exciting time — and it can be a stressful time. Students may feel elated and melancholy; accomplished, yet anxious; and they may feel frazzled with final projects and papers. As your student's college career comes to a close, you may want to write them a note to send words of encouragement, share your pride or let them know what commencement and the last four years have meant to you and your family. Bon Appetit also offers "Thinking of You" treats available at <http://collegeofidaho.cafebonappetit.com>. Final day to order is May 11.

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](mailto:sskinner@collegeofidaho.edu).

Sincerely,

Sally Skinner  
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

**Commencement Weekend**

May 18-19, 2018

**Friday, May 4**

Last day of Classes

**Friday, May 18**

8 p.m. Baccalaureate Service, Jewett Auditorium

**Saturday, May 19**

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.