

Dear Graduates and Candidates for Graduation,

The 2021 Commencement Ceremony is almost upon us and we are excited to celebrate this momentous occasion with you, your family and friends.

Rehearsal will be on Friday, May 28th from 2:30-4:00. Due to safety protocols, rehearsal is mandatory for all participating in Commencement. Please report to Simplot Stadium at 2:30.

Commencement exercises will be held Saturday, May 29th at 10:00 am in the Simplot Stadium. Each graduate has been granted 8 tickets for friends and family. Below is the schedule of events and instructions for you to follow the day of Commencement:

Processional Line-up:

8:45 a.m. Seniors report to the Stadium for the processional line-up on Gabiola Field. Your name will be read in alphabetical order by graduating class by Dr. Douglass so it is imperative that you are and remain in the correct order. Marching and seating instructions will be given just before the processional begins. We will practice the line up during rehearsal.

Please leave all bags and other personal items with family members prior to checking in. There is no alcohol allowed once checked in.

Please remember you must be in regalia (caps and gowns) in order to participate.

10:00 a.m. Processional Begins

Description of Commencement Ceremony:

- Processional - Graduates march in a slow procession to the seats in the space in front of the stage. Volunteers will be along the route to guide you to the right seats.
- Music and Speeches
- Next the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Douglass, will ask you to stand for the conferring of your degrees, after which you will sit down again. You will then be asked to come forward and receive your diploma covers
- Time to receive your diplomas covers. Your row will stand and walk to the steps where there will be a "WAIT HERE" line. When Dr. Douglass calls your name (remember you need to stay in alphabetical order so diplomas correspond to the right person's name being called!!) you will walk in front of the table, receive your diploma from one of the Co-Presidents, the photographer will take your picture after you walk down the ramp – stop on the taped "X" for your photo. When you get to your seat, please sit down.
- Recessional – At the end of the ceremonies, you will march out following a banner carrier through a faculty honor guard. We ask that you continue the recessional until you leave the stadium.

Weather:

The Ceremony will occur in Simplot Stadium rain or shine. In case of lightening, the ceremony could face a delay.

Dress Code:

Cap and gown are required to participate. You should wear lightweight, comfortable clothing underneath your gown, keeping in mind this is a formal ceremony. Please make sure you steam or press the gown prior to the ceremony. Due to field conditions, it is important that flats or wedges be worn instead of high heels. The

cap should be worn so that the Mortarboard is level. It should not be tilted to the back or side of the head. The crown should be approximately one inch above the eyebrow. The tassel starts on the right side and should remain there until one of the Co-Presidents gives instruction to move it to the left. Men should remove their caps during the playing of the National Anthem.

Important Reminder:

The Commencement ceremony is much the same at the College as it was under Dr. Boone. It is the most important event of the year for The College of Idaho because we get to honor you and your achievements at this traditional ceremony. Please take time to really enjoy it and live in the moment. You deserve it!!

Please do not hesitate to contact the Registrar's office at registrar@collegeofidaho.edu or 208.459.5400 with any questions regarding the ceremony.