

# Commencement

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008 10 a.m., Assembly Hall, Bloomington Campus



## WINTER COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement ceremony for winter graduates will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2008, in Assembly Hall on the IU Bloomington campus.

### *Schedule for Commencement Day*

- Assembly Hall will open at **8:00 a.m.**
- Lineup of candidates for degrees in the adjoining Gladstein Fieldhouse will begin at **8:30 a.m.**
- The procession into Assembly Hall will begin at **9:15 a.m.**
- The ceremony will begin at **10:00 a.m.**

Please report to Gladstein Fieldhouse *no later than* 8:30 a.m. for the lineup (earlier if you still need to pick up your apparel). Once inside, look for your school banner or sign (such as “College of Arts and Sciences” or “School of Continuing Studies”). Candidates will line up by school and then by degree, with candidates for the highest degrees at the front of each line (doctoral/Ph.D., master’s, bachelor’s, associate). School marshals will assist with the lineup.

After proceeding into Assembly Hall, all candidates remain in their assigned areas until after the recessional of the platform party, which will close the ceremony. The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.

### *Tickets Are Not Required*

Your family and friends do not need tickets, and there will be no reserved seating. Though participation in Commencement isn’t mandatory, you’re encouraged to take part in this singular celebration of achievement. The ceremony will be free and open to the public.

### *Who Is Eligible to Participate?*

- Undergraduates who have completed the requirements for graduation by December 2008
- Graduate students who have completed University Graduate School requirements from September through December 2008

### *Application for Graduation*

You must apply to graduate. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the recorder’s office in the school(s) that will be granting your degree(s).

### *Caps, Tassels, Gowns, Stoles, and Hoods*

All candidates for degrees *must* wear caps, tassels (colored to reflect school), and gowns at Commencement. If you’ll be earning a bachelor’s or associate degree, your apparel will also include a stole of gratitude to keep as a memento or give to someone who has helped you in your academic career. If you’re a doctoral/Ph.D. candidate, your apparel will also include a hood.

You can rent your apparel in person from the Indiana University Bookstore in the Indiana Memorial Union or online through IU’s Commencement site, [www.commencement.iu.edu](http://www.commencement.iu.edu). This site directs students to the reservation service at Herff Jones, the company that provides the apparel.

It’s a good idea to order your apparel as early as possible. **The deadline for ordering online is November 14.**

Rental charges for academic apparel are as follows: bachelor’s and associate degree apparel, \$69.98; master’s, \$79.98; doctoral/Ph.D., \$93.98. Indiana’s 7 percent sales tax will be added to

these charges. Associate and bachelor's degree candidates have the option of purchasing additional stoles of gratitude for \$20.98 each plus Indiana sales tax of 7 percent.

### *Apparel Pickup and Return*

Your apparel will be available for pickup two days before Commencement on the upper level of the IU Bookstore in the Indiana Memorial Union. You may pick up and pay for your apparel there from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, and Friday, December 19. *Even if you've previously used a credit card number to reserve apparel, you must pay for it at pickup time.* Apparel will also be available on Commencement day, Saturday, December 20, in Gladstein Fieldhouse. Apparel distribution will begin there at 7:30 a.m., but this option should be regarded as a last resort because time will be short and lines long.

Graduates keep caps, tassels, stoles, and any honor cords that they've earned. You'll return your rental gown at Gladstein Fieldhouse immediately after the ceremony. If you're a doctoral/Ph.D. candidate, you'll also return your rental hood.

### *Honor Cords*

Undergraduates who'll be graduating with honors are entitled to wear certain approved honor cords. Students graduating with *distinction*, *high distinction* and *highest distinction* may wear cords called fourragères on their left shoulders. Fourragères are distributed by the individual schools, and graduating students must pick them up at the schools by Friday, December 19.

Candidates for degrees who belong to approved honor societies may also purchase and wear the cords of those societies. More information is available at [www.commencement.iu.edu](http://www.commencement.iu.edu).

### *Recognition of Doctoral/Ph.D. Candidates*

Candidates for doctoral and Ph.D. degrees will be presented onstage. They will then be hooded by their faculty advisors, who will carry the hoods for the candidates until hooding takes place. Faculty marshals can provide further details in Gladstein Fieldhouse.

### *Commencement Announcements*

If you'd like Commencement announcement cards to mail to family and friends, you can purchase them from the IU Bookstore or from Herff Jones via [www.commencement.iu.edu](http://www.commencement.iu.edu).

### *Appropriate Attire and Conduct*

Business or business-casual attire is appropriate on Commencement day, and degree candidates are asked to wait until they arrive in Gladstein Fieldhouse before putting on caps and gowns. Only students in appropriate apparel will be allowed to proceed to the seating area for degree candidates in Assembly Hall. The Commencement Committee requests your help in upholding the dignity and tradition of the ceremony by avoiding any action that may be distracting or inappropriate. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in Gladstein Fieldhouse or Assembly Hall; anyone found to be carrying alcoholic beverages will be escorted from the building. All degree candidates in attendance are expected to remain for the entire ceremony.

### *Diplomas and Covers*

You will receive a keepsake diploma cover, courtesy of the IU Alumni Association, on Commencement day as you proceed into Assembly Hall. Your diploma must be approved, printed, and mailed to you after the ceremony. Expect to receive the diploma at your designated permanent address within three months of December 20.

### *Arrangements for Guests with Disabilities*

Seating will be provided for those who need sign-language interpretation, and space will be available for wheelchair users, who must use their own wheelchairs. Please make prior plans for accommodation with the Indiana University Alumni Office by calling (812) 855-4664.

### *Parking*

Parking can be challenging on Commencement day. Our best advice is to arrive early and allow enough time to make your way inside from the Assembly Hall parking lot. For information about handicapped drop-off and for other parking tips, visit [www.commencement.iu.edu](http://www.commencement.iu.edu).

### *Questions?*

Please visit [www.commencement.iu.edu](http://www.commencement.iu.edu) or phone (812) 855-4664.