

ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR COMMENCEMENT QUESTIONS (OR WHAT SHOULD I DO GRADUATION AFTERNOON?)

WHO?: All those who plan to participate in the **Commencement Ceremony**.

WHEN?: Friday, May 8. **Please arrive by 3:45 PM.** TRAFFIC IS HEAVY AROUND THE UNIVERSITY ON COMMENCEMENT DAY— IF YOU ARRIVE LATE YOU MAY NOT MAKE IT IN TIME TO LINE UP!

WHERE?: On the **street in front of Stevenson House** (on College Road, directly across from the campus front lawn). In the event of a storm, Commencement will be held in the Convocation Center (graduates should go to the Intramural Gym).

GUESTS: If the ceremony is outside, you may have as many guests as you like. If we have to move inside because of rain, please limit your guests to eight. No tickets are necessary for either venue.

WHAT?: **WEAR YOUR CAP, GOWN, AND HOOD (EXCEPT FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS. THE HOOD WILL BE PLACED ON YOU ON STAGE).**

HOW?: Proceed to the tables to pick up your name card. Records Office personnel will hand you your name card. Your card will have your name and number in line (the order in which you will march). If you wish to have your name read differently than is printed on the front of the card, you may cross off the printed name and print it as you would like to have it read (*no nicknames, only given names*).

Your name card will have your number in line printed in the upper left corner, please proceed to the correct sign based on your number and get in line. PLEASE DO NOT WANDER OFF AND VISIT WITH FRIENDS, there will be plenty of time for that after the ceremony. After you pick up your card, please go and find your place in line.

Please pay careful attention to all instructions given about lining up and marching; remember, you want to make yourself and your family proud!

Processional: The marshals will direct seating, please follow them and do as they direct.

Master and Specialist Graduates: TAKE YOUR NAME CARD WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO FORWARD TO GET YOUR DIPLOMA COVER!! McKendree staff will direct you to the stage. President Dobbins will present your diploma cover.

Doctoral Graduates: TAKE YOUR NAME CARD AND HOOD WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO FORWARD TO GET YOUR DIPLOMA COVER!! McKendree staff will direct you to the stage. President Dobbins will present your diploma cover (carry your hood over your left arm and take your diploma cover with your left hand so you can shake hands with President Dobbins). After you receive the cover, proceed to where someone will take your hood and place it over your head.

PLEASE NOTE: Participation in the Commencement Ceremony is *not* a guarantee of graduation. Degrees for May graduates are conferred on May 31 and for July graduates are conferred on July 31 *provided all requirements for the degree are met.*