SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS
Special accommodations for guests or participants with disabilities are available. Graduates should notify the Provost's office, 426-1303. For guests, The Arena will reserve special seating at the top of the Parquet. Special accommodation guests should arrive a little early and can be dropped off at Entrance 1 or 2 of The Arena. An elevator will take guests to the Parquet level. The Arena staff will be available to assist with seating. Please be aware that because of the limitations for special accommodation seating, all of your family and friends may not be able to sit together in that section.

FOOD SERVICES
For candidates and their guests, several food service options will be available on the main level of the Student Union.

PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION
The complete commencement will be broadcast on the Public Access Television Saturday, December 17, 2005 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 18, 2005 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

DVD SALES
DVDs will be available for sale for $20 payable to Boise State. Send a check and a return mailing address to:
Provost's Office
Boise State University
1910 University Drive
Boise, Idaho 83725-1000

For additional commencement information, please contact the Registrar's Office.
Administration 102
1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725
208-426-4249
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES
Dec. 2, 2005 – Last Date to RSVP to be eligible to participate in the ceremony by replying to an e-mail that will be sent to your BroncoMail (student e-mail) account.
Dec. 16, 2005 – Winter Commencement
9:00 a.m. Report to Kinesiology Building Bronco Gym to pick up name card and attend Alumni Graduation Celebration.
10:00 a.m. Commencement begins.
12:00 noon Reception in the SUB Jordan Ballroom.
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

The Winter Commencement will bring the University together for a traditional ceremony in The Taco Bell Arena (The Arena) to celebrate December and August graduates. The ceremony will include the processional and recessional of candidates as well as individual recognition of each graduate and hooding of the doctoral candidates.

Wide screens are set up so family members can see the graduates “up close and personal” when their names are called and they receive their handshake/diploma cover from the Dean or Associate Dean of the college. Boise State will broadcast the ceremony live on the web for those individuals who cannot attend in person. http://www2.boisestate.edu/commencement/webbroadcast.shtml.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the Student Union Building, Jordan Ballroom. Each college will have a specially designated area where graduates can meet family after the ceremony, take family pictures, and introduce family to favorite professors.

CEREMONY TIMES AND LOCATIONS

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 noon on Friday, December 16, 2005 in The Arena. The Arena’s doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

Graduates must report to the BRONCO GYM IN THE KINESIOLOGY BUILDING no later than 9:00 a.m. for their name cards and instructions.

ALUMNI GRADUATION CELEBRATION

This is your first stop to commencement activities! The Boise State Alumni Association invites graduates and their families to gather and enjoy a continental breakfast in the Bronco Gym beginning at 8:00 a.m. the morning of commencement. The celebration includes live entertainment, and a professional photographer that will be available to photograph graduates with classmates, friends, and family.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Full regalia is required for participation in the ceremony. Regalia includes a cap and tassel (with color according to degree type) and a gown. Masters and doctoral candidates must also purchase a hood.

The BSU Bookstore will sell student regalia November 1 – December 15, 2005 in their store in the SUB or on their website at http://www.boisestatebooks.com. No prior ordering will be required. Sizes can only be guaranteed if purchased by December 7. After December 7, there will be a $10 late fee charged for regalia that must be ordered.

COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION

Tickets are not needed to attend the ceremony and candidates may invite as many guests as they wish. Please be aware that the event will last over two hours. Small children may have difficulty with this time commitment.

To be eligible to participate in the ceremony, all candidates are required to RSVP by replying to an e-mail that will be sent to their BroncoMail (student e-mail) account. The deadline to RSVP is December 2, 2005.

GRADUATION HONORS

Graduation honors are awarded to students receiving at least a 3.5 GPA in their first undergraduate degree. Honors are awarded on the basis of all semesters completed. Eligible students can purchase an honor cord when they buy their regalia at the BSU Bookstore. Students not eligible for graduation honors include early commencement participants, students earning a second degree, and post-baccalaureate graduates.

DIPLOMAS

Since grades are due after commencement, candidates will receive an empty diploma cover during the ceremony. Diplomas for December graduates will be mailed approximately March 6th. You must keep your mailing address current, especially if your address will change after graduation. You can update your mailing address on BroncoWeb (www.boisestate.edu) or contact the Registrar's Office at 426-4249.

GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer to record the moment candidates are awarded their diplomas, as well as a standing pose. Passport-size, color proofs will be mailed approximately one week after the ceremony. There is no obligation to purchase, and candidates will have the option of ordering several enlargement packages at reasonable prices. For information on graduation photographs, contact Chappell Studios at www.chappell.com or 1-800-247-3435.

Family members and friends are encouraged to remain in their seats and enjoy the ceremony. Due to fire regulations, aisles in The Arena must remain clear, and no one will be allowed to block aisles to photograph any portion of the ceremony.

The lights in The Arena will be dimmed during the ceremony to provide appropriate lighting for live video projection on the wide screens. Please be aware that with this lighting, personal video cameras will not produce quality taping.

PARKING

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