SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations are available for those with disabilities. Participants with special needs must notify the Registrar’s Office, 426-4249, two weeks prior to the ceremony so accommodations can be arranged.

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 the guest to the Parquet level where there will be reserved seating. Arena staff will be available to assist with seating. Be aware, though, 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.

For additional commencement information, please contact the Registrar’s Office.

Administration 110
1910 University Drive, Boise ID 83725
208-426-4249
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

May 2, 2008 – 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.

April 7 – May 16, 2008 – Regalia (cap & gown) available for purchase in the Bookstore.

May 17, 2008 – Spring Commencement
8:00 a.m. – Alumni Graduation Celebration on the Intramural Field adjacent to the Arena.
9:00 a.m. – Report for name card pick up and instructions.
9:15 a.m. – Report to Bronco Gym or Auxiliary Gym for line-up and instructions.
10:00 a.m. – Commencement begins.
12:00 noon – Reception on the Intramural Field adjacent to the Arena.
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**Building no later than 9:00 a.m.** for name cards and instructions. Graduates must have a name card in order to participate in the ceremony.

**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 May 2, 2008.

**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 on the intramural field beginning at 8:00 a.m. the morning of commencement. The celebration will include live entertainment, great food and fun activities.

**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 order a hood.

The BSU Bookstore will sell student regalia April 7 – May 16, 2008 in their store in the SUB and on their website at www.boisestate.books.com. No prior ordering will be required. Sizes can only be guaranteed if purchased by May 2nd. There will be a $10 late charge for special order regalia purchased after May 2, 2008.

**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. Honors for May commencement are based on the GPA at the end of December. Eligible students can purchase an honor cord when they buy their cap and gown at the BSU Bookstore. Students not eligible for graduation honors include 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 May graduates will be mailed approximately July 21, 2008. You must keep your mailing address current, especially if your address will change after graduation. The Registrar’s Office is not responsible for diplomas lost or damaged in the mail. You can update your mailing address on BroncoWeb (www.boisestate.edu).

**Graduation Photographs**

Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer to take a picture of each graduate in 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.

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

**Senior Salute**

The Boise State Bookstore and Boise State Alumni Association are co-hosting a Graduation Fair from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on April 21st and 22nd. Graduates do not want to miss this exciting event! Multiple vendors will be on hand, including Career Services, Campus Recreation, The Graduate College and more. You will be able to purchase regalia, order announcements and class rings, talk to a loan consolidation company and much, much more! Watch your mail for more information about this exciting event!

**Parking**

All reserved and metered parking lots will be free for commencement patrons. Like most events held in the Arena, parking lots other than the Stadium may need to be used. Because of the limitation of handicapped parking, family and friends that cannot walk a distance can be dropped off at the front of the Arena.

The Spring Commencement will bring the University together for a traditional ceremony in the Taco Bell Arena to celebrate May graduates. The ceremony will include the processional and recessional of candidates as well as individual recognition of each person and hooding of the doctoral candidates.

Large screens will be available 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

In addition, the ceremony will be aired on Public Access Television Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m. DVDs of the ceremony can be purchased from the Bookstore after May 30th.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony on the Intramural Field adjacent to the Arena and the Appleton Tennis Center. Each college will have a specially designated area where graduates can meet family and friends after the ceremony.

**Ceremony Times and Locations**

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 17, 2008 in the Arena. The Arena doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

Graduates must report to the sidewalk adjacent to the Intramural Field and Kinesiology...