SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations for guests or participants with disabilities are available. Graduates should notify the Provost’s office, 426-1202. For guests, The Pavilion 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 of The Pavilion. An elevator will take guests to the Parquet level. Pavilion 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:
- Moxie Java & Healthy Choice Deli
- Chicago Connection
- Snake River Grill

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

May 2, 2003 – 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.
May 17, 2003 – Spring Commencement
1:00 p.m. Report to Kinesiology Building. Bronco Gym to pick up name card.
2:00 p.m. Commencement begins.
4:00 p.m. Reception on the soccer field adjacent to The Pavilion
The Spring Commencement will bring the University together for a traditional ceremony in The Pavilion 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.

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/broadcast.shtml. In addition, the ceremony will be aired on Public Access Television Saturday, May 24, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, May 25, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony on the soccer field between the Pavilion and the SUB. 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 2:00 p.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2003 in The Pavilion. The Pavilion doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

Graduates must report to the BRONCO GYM IN THE KINESIOLOGY BUILDING no later than 1:00 p.m. for their name cards and instructions.

ALUMNI GRADUATION CELEBRATION

The Boise State Alumni Association invites the graduates and their families to a BBQ on Friday, May 16, 2003 at noon at the SUB. 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 14 - May 4, 2003. No prior ordering will be required. There will be a $10 late charge for regalia purchased after May 4, 2003.

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, 2003.

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 cap and gown 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 May graduates will be mailed approximately July 28, 2003. 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.

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

The lights in The Pavilion 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

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