SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

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

Guests needing special accommodation 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 Bldg., Rm 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

December 4, 2009
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.

November 9 – December 17, 2009
Regalia (cap & gown) available for purchase in the Bookstore.

December 18, 2009
Winter Commencement
8:00 a.m. – Pre-Commencement Staging in the Bronco Gym, Kinesiology Building. Graduates must report no later than 9:00 a.m. for name card pick up and instructions.
9:15 a.m. – Report to Auxiliary Gym for line-up and instructions.
10:00 a.m. – Commencement begins.
12:00 noon – Reception in the Jordan Ballroom, Student Union Building.
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

THE WINTER COMMENCEMENT will bring the University together for a traditional ceremony in The Taco Bell Arena to celebrate August and December 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/webcast.shtml

In addition, the ceremony will be aired on Public Access Television on Saturday, December 26, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 27, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. DVDs of the ceremony can be purchased from the Bookstore.

POST COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION
A reception for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Jordan Ballroom, Student Union Building. Each college will have a designated area where graduates can meet family after the ceremony to take photos and introduce them to faculty.

CEREMONY TIMES AND LOCATIONS
8:00 a.m. – Pre-Commencement Staging.
This is your first stop for commencement activities! Graduates will report to the Bronco Gym for name cards and instructions. Graduates MUST have a name card in order to participate in the ceremony. Graduates must report no later than 9:00 a.m. to pick up name cards. A professional photographer will be on hand to take photos of graduates and their families. Lost your bobby pins? Need some static spray? Stop by the commencement relief station for last minute necessities!

9:15 a.m. – Line-up and Instructions.
Graduates must report to the Auxiliary Gym, Taco Bell Arena no later than 9:15 a.m. for line-up and instructions.

10:00 a.m. – Ceremony.
The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 noon on Friday, December 18, 2009 in the Arena. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

COMMENCEMENT RSVP
Tickets are not needed to attend the ceremony and candidates may invite as many guests as they wish. Please be aware that the event may 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 4, 2009.

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 candidates must also purchase a hood.

The BSU Bookstore will sell student regalia November 9 – December 17, 2009 in their store located the SUB and on their website at www.boisestatebooks.com. No prior ordering is required. Sizes can only be guaranteed if purchased by December 1st. There will be a $10 late charge for special order regalia purchased after December 1, 2009.

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 December commencement are based on the GPA at the end of Summer. 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 December graduates will be mailed approximately February 8, 2010. 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 (http://broncoweb.boisestate.edu/).

GRADUATION PHOTOS
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.

GRADUATION DVDs
DVDs of the graduation ceremony will be available to purchase from the Bookstore. DVDs will be available approximately two weeks after the ceremony.

SENIOR SALUTE
The Boise State Bookstore is hosting a Graduation Fair from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on November 17th and 18th. Graduates do not want to miss this exciting event! Multiple vendors will be on hand; including Career Services – for career and resume information, Balfour – for class rings, and Church Hill Classics – for diploma frames. You will be able to purchase regalia, order announcements and class rings, and much, much more! Watch your BroncoMail for more information about this exciting event!

SHOUT OUTS
During the week of November 16th, you will have the opportunity to record a “Shout Out” to be played before the ceremony begins. They will also be added to the end of the commencement DVD. This is your chance to send a personal message of appreciation to your guests in the audience! Watch your BroncoMail for additional information.

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. Shuttles will be available. Because of the limitation of handicapped parking, family and friends who cannot walk a distance can be dropped off at the front of the Arena.