COMMENCEMENT DATE AND LOCATION: The 2016 Commencement Ceremony will be held in Washington-Grizzly Stadium at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14th, rain or shine, for all graduates of the Professional Schools, the College of Humanities & Sciences, and Missoula College.

PARKING: • UDASH Bus Shuttle Service (see enclosure)
• Public Parking and Disability Parking Lots (see website: www.umt.edu/graduation)

MEETING PLACE AND TIME: All candidates for degrees and graduates are to meet Saturday, May 14th, at 8:45 a.m. at The Oval (see map inside for line up areas). There will be no rehearsal. There will be refreshments served on the south side of The Oval beginning at 8:00 a.m. for graduates and their families.

LINING UP: Students should look for signs indicating where their department will begin their line of march. Please wear sensible footwear as the march is from The Oval to the Stadium (see map inside).

COMMENCEMENT SEATING FOR PARENTS, RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS: There will be no reservations and no tickets required. Guests with disabilities are encouraged to arrive early and look for designated seating areas. The stadium opens at 8:00 a.m. Guests should be seated in the stadium by 9:15 a.m.

THE PROCESIONAL WILL START PROMPTLY AT 9:15 A.M.

THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: After all students and faculty have marched to the stadium, there will be a welcome and a short speech by the President. The doctoral candidates will be asked to stand, and the President will verbally confer degrees on them. Next, the candidates for master’s degrees will be asked to stand, and the President will verbally confer degrees on them. Then, the deans will ask the candidates for undergraduate degrees to stand, and the President will verbally confer degrees on them.

Please consider appropriate footwear for changing weather and surface conditions.

DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMA COVERS: Diploma covers will be presented to graduates during individual departmental ceremonies. A blue name card, for announcing your name, will be issued when you pick up your cap and gown at the Bookstore. Please bring the blue card with you when you come to line up for the Ceremony.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: General announcements can be purchased at the University of Montana Bookstore. Personalized announcements can be ordered through Herff Jones (www.herffjones.com)

CAP AND RENTAL GOWN PICK UP AND RETURN: If you have preordered your cap and rental gown, you can pick them up at the UM Bookstore on Thursday, May 12th, Friday, May 13th, and Saturday, May 14th, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you have not preordered we will have a limited quantity of caps, rental gowns and hoods available to rent. All rental gowns and hoods need to be returned to the UM Bookstore by 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th.

The graduation website will be open until 4/28. You can access the website at montanabookstore.com or collegegrad.herffjones.com.

COMMENCEMENT BREAKFAST: President Engstrom will host refreshments on the south side of The Oval beginning at 8:00 a.m. You and your family are welcome to attend as his guests.

ROTC Commissioning is Saturday, May 14th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., in the Schreiber Gymnasium.

Outstanding Senior Recognition Awards Ceremony is Friday, May 13th, 1:00 p.m. in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Griz Grad Fest - This event is for all graduating seniors (including grad students). Join your fellow grads for free food and entertainment on Wednesday, May 4th, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Library Mall. Photo ID or Griz Card required.

GOWNS CAN BE DROPPED OFF at the return station in the UM Bookstore when you are done for the day. DON’T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR MORTAR BOARD, STOLE OF GRATITUDE AND TASSEL!
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Please feel free to call the Graduations Office at 243-2422 or 243-2421 if you have any questions or visit our website at: www.umt.edu/graduation