CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Undergraduates, when the dean of your school or college asks you to stand, please remain standing until he or she tells you to be seated.

When the president asks “Will all candidates for baccalaureate degrees in all schools and colleges to stand and when he says: “I hereby confer upon you Bachelor degrees as indicated with all rights and privileges thereunto appertaining” at that point, you should move your tassel which is on your right side of the mortar board and place it on your left side.

Also remember when the president says “Will graduates receiving Bachelors & Doctor of Pharmacy degrees, please stand and proceed to the stage” that means all schools and colleges, including any pharmacy students receiving the doctor of pharmacy, to stand and proceed to the stage. The Marshals will indicate when you are to proceed to the stage. Since all of you cannot go to the stage at the same time, wait 15 seconds and all rows except the first three rows to sit down until the Marshalls ask those rows to proceed to the stage.

Candidates for the Masters Degrees, when the President confers the degrees to you, and states that you may now be hooded, you then turn to your right and hood the person in front of you. The last person in the row will then turn and the person in front of you will hood you.

Ph.D. candidates, please remember as you come onto the stage to proceed across the length of the stage until Dr. Matthews, the Grand Marshal, tells you to stop and face the graduates. Remember as you are about to be hooded please stoop down in order for your faculty member to properly hood you. The president will shake your hand before leaving the stage.

All graduates, when you shake the president’s hand, please pause for a second or two in order to allow the photographer from Grad Images Photography Group to take your photo shaking the President’s hand. Place the diploma cover in your left hand and shake hands with your right hand. As you Exit the stage, Grad Images Photography Group will also take your picture by the flag at the base of the stage. Then proceed quickly to your seat.