The Spring 2015 Graduate College Commencement Ceremony
will be held in James H. Hilton Coliseum on Friday evening, May 8, 2015, at 8:00 p.m.

Ticket Information
Tickets are not required for admission into the Ceremony.

Caps and Gowns
Master candidates are required to wear a black cap and gown to the ceremony. Caps, gowns and tassels may be purchased from the University Bookstore, in the Memorial Union or go to their website www.isubookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=551 for rental information. Please note the order deadline is April 10th. The Office of the Registrar will provide each candidate with a Ph.D. hood to be used during the ceremony.

Ph.D. candidates are required to wear official ISU doctorate regalia (red gown). Contact the University Bookstore in the Memorial Union or go to their website www.isubookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=551 for rental information. Please note the order deadline is April 10th. The Office of the Registrar will provide each candidate with a Ph.D. hood to be used during the ceremony.

Your cap should be worn level, not tilted. Your gown should hang freely from the shoulders. You should not wear a corsage with your cap and gown.

Arriving at Hilton Coliseum
Candidates must report to their line-up areas as follows:
- PhD candidates no later than 7:00 p.m.
- Master’s candidates no later than 7:15 p.m.

Upon arrival at Hilton, please go directly to your line-up area and check in with Registrar’s staff. See map on reverse side to locate your college lineup area.

Do not take a commencement program at the entrance; we will provide one for you on your chair. Leave purses, coats and other valuables with family or friends since there will be no secure place in the line-up area to leave these items.

The Ceremony
The ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Iowa State University encourages you to respect the feelings of other candidates attending the ceremony, as well as their guests. Please silence cell phones during the ceremony.

Photographs
Flash Photography has been contracted to take your photograph prior to crossing the stage and again as you are shaking hands with the president or provost on stage.

All photographs taken at commencement will be posted on the Flash Photography website (www.flashphotography.com/) within 48 hours following commencement. You will receive instructions via email from the photographer on how to view and purchase photographs.

Questions regarding photographs should be directed to Flash Photography at www.flashphotography.com/ (select Contact Us tab) or phone (214) 443-9393.

Ph.D. Candidates
Official ISU doctorate regalia (red gown) must be ordered through the University Bookstore by Friday, April 10th. Regalia ordered after this date may have late charges added and or not arrive in time for the ceremony.

Hood Information:
The Office of the Registrar will provide each candidate with a Ph.D. hood to be used during the ceremony. Note: A short hooding demonstration will take place in the line-up area before the ceremony begins.

Ph.D. hoods are university property. Do not return the hood with your rental cap and gown. Return your hood either to Registrar’s staff on stage following the ceremony or to the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, on Monday, May 11th.

If you would like to keep the hood longer or will be bringing your own hood to the ceremony, contact Deb in the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by email at dsletto@iastate.edu or by phone at (515) 294-2754, before Friday, May 8th, to make arrangements.

Conferring of Degree:
Candidates will be led to the stage by a marshal. Proceed to center stage with your major professor where you will be hooded and receive a diploma cover from the President. Continue across the stage and return to your original seat after exiting the stage.

Flash Photography has been contracted to take photographs as you are being hooded, shaking hands with the President and again after you exit the stage by way of the north staircase.

Ph.D. candidates should have received additional instructions from the Graduate College. Contact Linda, 1137 Pearson Hall, (515) 294-4531, if you have questions regarding procedures.

Master Candidates
Candidates will be led to the stage by a marshal and will be instructed when to begin crossing the stage. Proceed to center stage to shake hands with the president or provost and receive your diploma cover.

Flash Photography will take your photograph prior to crossing the stage and again as you are receiving your diploma cover. Exit the stage by way of the center staircase and return to your original seat.

Recessional
At the end of the ceremony, please remain standing until the faculty recessional is concluded. There will not be a student recessional. Family and friends are welcome to come to the arena floor following the faculty recessional to greet you and take photographs.
Graduate College Line-Up Areas in Hilton Coliseum (Spring Semester)

Masters Candidates (black tassel)
After entering, turn left and go to the northwest side of the Coliseum. Check in with staff outside of the entrance to sections 106-206-207 on level 3.

Ph.D. Candidates
After entering, turn right and go to Johnny’s on the east side of the Coliseum on level 3. Check with staff inside Johnny’s.

Attendance and Diploma Information:
Diplomas will not be handed out during the ceremony.
Graduation requirements will be verified after May 9th and diplomas will be mailed on May 29, 2015, to all candidates who have successfully completed degree requirements.

Update your diploma mailing address and university ceremony attendance information in Access+ (Student tab, Graduation, Diploma/Ceremony) through Tuesday, May 5th.

After May 5th you will need to contact the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-9372 or by e-mail at graduation@iastate.edu with any changes.

For More Information, Contact:
The Graduation Office
210 Enrollment Services Center
Phone: (515) 294-9372
Email: graduation@iastate.edu
website: www.registrar.iastate.edu/graduation/

Special Assistance:
Candidates needing special assistance (wheelchair, sign language interpreter, captionist, etc.) prior to or during the commencement ceremony should contact Denise, in 214 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-0767 or by email at dtimber@iastate.edu before May 1st, to make arrangements.

Guests needing special assistance (elderly, wheelchair, sign language interpreter, captionist, etc.) prior to or during the commencement ceremony should contact Jennifer Whalen, in 210 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-9372 or by email at jewhalen@iastate.edu before May 1st, to make arrangements.