Dear Students,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from UM! This is a long email and contains important information, so please read all the way to the end.

**Choosing a Ceremony**
You now have the option to participate in either the fall 2018 or the spring 2019 commencement ceremony. How do you decide which event to attend? Here are some key details to consider:

- **The fall event is scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the University Center Ballroom.** There will be one ceremony for all academic programs and there likely will not be any individual events. Seating is limited, so there will be a mandatory RSVP and ticket system that puts a limit at 2 guests per graduate. We will do everything we can to accommodate graduates with more than 2 guests by creating a waitlist, but the availability of these additional tickets will depend on how many graduates participate in the event. There will be overflow seating available in the UC Theater and the event will be streamed online. Every graduate will have their name read aloud as they cross the stage and receive their diploma cover.

- **The spring event is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019 in the Adams Center.** There will be two main ceremonies and the schools and colleges will organize individual recognition events as well. There is no limit on the number of guests each graduate may bring to the event. Every graduate will have their name read aloud as they cross the stage and receive their diploma cover. If you decide to wait until the spring ceremony, please email Rebecca Power so that you are added to the communications list for the event.

**Confirming Your Attendance and Reserving Tickets for the Fall Ceremony**
If you plan to participate in the fall event, please fill out the online RSVP form. You will also be able to reserve tickets for your guests. Tickets are free, but we do need you to sign up for them so we can keep track of the number of attendees. The RSVP and ticket system will close on Wednesday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m.

**Ordering Regalia for the Fall Ceremony**
If you plan to participate in the fall ceremony, you will be able to order your regalia online soon. I will send a follow-up email and post the link to the student page of the Commencement website when the regalia site opens. There will be a separate website available in February for the spring ceremony.

Additional information will be emailed to you throughout the semester and posted to the Commencement website. You can also contact Rebecca Power in the Registrar’s Office with questions and concerns.
If you have questions about your graduation application, please contact Paulette Nooney (406-243-2422) or Kyle Brester (406-243-2421).

Sincerely,
Rebecca

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