Dear deans, department chairs, and administrative staff:

I would like to share some details about one of the most exciting days of the academic year – Spring Commencement. UM’s 122nd commencement will take place at **9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, May 4** in the Adams Center.

The 9 a.m. ceremony will include all departments and programs within the College of Humanities and Sciences, Missoula College, the School of Journalism and the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

The 2 p.m. ceremony will include all departments and programs within the College of Business, the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences and the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation.

Each ceremony will last approximately 2.5 hours and will feature a keynote speaker, individual recognition of every student as they cross the stage and the hooding of doctoral students by their advisors. The official conferral of degrees and distribution of diploma covers will happen during these events. We are working to confirm some exciting speakers and will share their names later in the semester.

In addition to the main ceremonies in the Adams Center, many programs and departments have a strong tradition of hosting individual celebrations for students around commencement. The Registrar’s Office will oversee scheduling the times and locations of these celebrations, and then it will be the responsibility of the individual program to arrange any additional logistics (room set-up, food, entertainment, A/V, etc.). Once confirmed, the full list of these celebrations will be posted to the commencement website and will be included in the commencement bulletin.

A representative from each program should email Rebecca Power in the Registrar’s Office by **Friday, Feb. 1** to schedule individual celebrations. A list of the available times is posted on the commencement website. Times and venues will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. The individual departmental celebrations cannot coincide with either of the main ceremonies in the Adams Center.

Additional details will be posted to the commencement website throughout the semester and the Registrar’s Office staff will communicate directly with all eligible students. Please contact Rebecca Power with any questions or concerns about the commencement weekend festivities.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jon Harbor, Provost