

December 2018

Student Graduation Information

Kappa Tau Alpha Induction Ceremony

(for invited students only; those in the top 10 percent of graduating class)

10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15

Fred W. Smith Forum, 200 Reynolds Journalism Institute

Graduation Ceremony

Date of Ceremony: Saturday, Dec. 15

Time to Arrive (graduates): **Noon, Fisher Auditorium**

Ceremony Start Time: 1 p.m.

Location of Ceremony: Jesse Auditorium

Prior to December 14, 2018

- Ensure that the permanent mailing address that you have in myZou is correct. This is where your diploma will be mailed. You can update your address in MyZou or at the University Registrar in 125 Jesse Hall.
- Purchase graduation regalia from The Mizzou Store.
- **If you are eligible for Latin honors, honor cords are available for purchase at The Mizzou Store.**

Before the Commencement

- There is no practice before the actual commencement ceremony. Please review this information so you will know what you need to do.
- Tickets are not required. There is plenty of seating for your family and friends on a first-come basis.
- Please meet at the School of Journalism on Saturday, Dec. 15, dressed in your cap and gown. You need to arrive by noon.
- Please leave your purses, backpacks, coats and other valuables with your family, including your cell phones. If not, you will assume the risk of loss by leaving them in an unsecured area.
- Students and those involved in the graduation ceremony are to meet at the School of Journalism by noon.
- Please ask your family and friends to proceed to Jesse Auditorium where the ceremony will take place.

- The ceremony will start at 1 p.m.

Upon Arrival at the School Prior to the Graduation Ceremony

- Graduates are expected to **wear regalia appropriate to their degree.**
- Tassels: Before the ceremony, your tassel should be on the left; at the end of the ceremony, you will move your tassel to the right.
- **When you arrive at the School, you should go to the foyer outside Fisher Auditorium, Gannett Hall,** to fill out a two-part name form. There will be staff there to assist you. ***Do not separate the two copies of the form.*** You are to keep it intact and carry it with you to the stage where you will give the intact form to Mike McKean, who will be announcing your name as you step onto the stage.
- You should then go into Fisher Auditorium, find your area of study and wait there until it is time to walk to Jesse. There will be signs posted with this information.
- The graduation processional will be in this order: Platform Party, Faculty, Graduate Studies (PhD/Master's), Convergence Journalism, Magazine Journalism, Photojournalism, Print and Digital News, Radio-Television Journalism, Strategic Communication and Agricultural Journalism. You may sit by whomever you choose within your graduating group or emphasis area.

Graduation Processional

- When the processional begins, we will be walking from the School of Journalism to Jesse Auditorium. We will use the sidewalk on the east side of the Quadrangle.
- When we get to Jesse Hall, please be quiet and walk single-file.
- To get to your seat, you will be walking down the left-hand aisle (as you face the stage) of Jesse Auditorium.
- An usher will guide you to your seats on the floor of Jesse Auditorium.

Conferral of Degrees

- When the announcer asks your area to stand and to come to the platform to receive your diploma cover, all graduates in that area should stand.
 - You should exit to the right aisle and proceed to the announcer's table.
- At the announcer's table, you will give your form to the staff person at the announcer's table. There will be people in this area to help guide you.

- You are to walk across the stage, and Dean Kurpius will hand you your diploma cover. Your faculty chair or representative will be assisting Dean Kurpius with the diploma covers.
- There will be a photo opportunity while you are receiving your diploma cover. Please smile and pose for this picture – you, your family and friends will appreciate it later. The photographer will use the information on the form you hand to the announcer to contact you about your photo. Graduation photographer information: Graduation Images, order online at: gradimages.com or call 800-261-2576. This information also is included with the release about this graduation on the School's website.
- After you have received your diploma cover and had your pictures taken, you are to proceed down the platform stairs and walk back to your seat.

Recessional

- After all graduates have received their diploma covers, Dean Kurpius will close the ceremony. As the recessional plays, you are to stay in your chairs until the platform party exits the stage area. You are then free to recess. Go all the way to the lobby before joining your family and friends.

Other Information

- Alcohol is not permitted in the venues and tailgating is not allowed at the commencement ceremonies.
- The ceremony is estimated to take no more than one hour.
- The December 2018 ceremonies will be livestreamed. Information will be available on the MU Graduation and Commencement Web page. The links to the livestreaming will be available closer to the time of commencement. The livestreaming of the ceremonies will include closed captioning.
- Please keep in touch by using the Class Notes form on the School's website: <http://journalism.missouri.edu/alumni/news/>.
- Your diploma will be mailed to the permanent mailing address that you have in myZou. Please check to be sure it is the correct address. Diplomas will be mailed approximately 12-15 weeks after the graduation ceremony.
- If your permanent address is not within the U.S., you will need to make arrangements with the Office of the Registrar. An email regarding this process has been sent to all graduating students.
- If you do not receive your diploma within three months of graduation, you may wish to check with the Registrar's office (diploma@missouri.edu) to make sure you do not owe money to the University or have any unpaid student fees.