

# MAT CANDIDATES – 2017 CEREMONY INFORMATION

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**Welcome to Commencement 2017!** Below you will find important information about dates, procedures, and deadlines for this year's commencement planning. To maximize guest attendance with the increasing number of students, Doctoral Candidates and Master's Candidates will have separate ceremonies. For complete and up to date information on Commencement log on to:

<http://rossierstudents.usc.edu/commencement/>

## *ROSSIER MASTER'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (Master's and MAT Candidates)*

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The Rossier School of Education Master's Commencement Ceremony takes place **Friday, May 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.** in McCarthy Quad. **Guest tickets are required.**

## *USC MAIN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (ALL Candidates)*

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The USC Main Commencement Ceremony takes place **Friday, May 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.** in Alumni Park. **No tickets are required.** Seating is on a **first-come-first-served** basis.

## GUEST TICKET INFORMATION

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With the increasing number of graduating students each year, the Rossier School Master's Commencement Ceremony does require guest tickets, but our large venue allows us to provide more tickets to each graduate while maintaining the safety standards required. **For the 2017 Ceremony, each graduate is guaranteed (7) guest tickets.**

In addition, there will be lottery for any additional tickets once all guaranteed tickets have been allocated. The ticket reservation procedure is detailed below. (*Graduating students do not need a ticket for themselves*)

### **GUARANTEED TICKETS**

Graduating candidates can obtain **guaranteed** guest tickets from **March 20, 2017 until March 31, 2017** by logging on to the Rossier website (*address at the top of the page*) and filling out the "**Ticket Reservation Form**" To reserve guest tickets, fill out the form completely, indicating which ceremonies you're attending. If you elect to participate in the any of the Rossier Ceremonies you **MUST** indicate the total number of tickets you will need. Once submitted, maintain a copy for your records. *Please note: All tickets unclaimed by **April 5** will be reallocated to the lottery.*

### **LOTTERY TICKETS**

**Please be mindful that the lottery will only be held** if there are any additional tickets remaining after the guaranteed tickets have been allocated. To enter the lottery, log on to the Rossier website and fill out the "**Lottery Ticket Entry Form**" for the ceremony you will attend only from **April 17, 2017 until April 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.** Once submitted, you'll be notified by **April 26, 2017 (midnight)** the number of lottery ticket(s) you've been allotted. *Please note: the number of additional tickets available will be determined after initial distribution. Lottery tickets are randomly selected.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, RINGS, AND DIPLOMA FRAMES**

Announcements and rings can be purchased from Herff Jones and diploma frames can be purchased from Framing Success. Information on both companies can be found at [www.uscbookstore.com](http://www.uscbookstore.com) under the graduation link.

### **FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3 - COMMENCEMENT BOOK PROOF**

The USC Commencement Program proof will be available for FINAL verification of name, degree, and previous degree before it's finalized for printing. All eligible students will receive the proof via email, unless otherwise indicated. Students who previously requested to be excluded from the electronic version of the proof will need to make arrangements with their Program Office to personally verify their Commencement book information. ***Your name will only appear in the Commencement Book if you complete your degree in Fall 2016, Spring 2017 or Summer 2017. Your name will NOT appear in the Commencement Book if any privacy blocks are placed on your student information.***

Names, previous degrees and dissertation titles will only be printed in accordance with your University record.

### **MARCH 13 - DEADLINE TO BUY REGALIA FROM USC BOOKSTORE**

### **ONLINE ONLY (FEBRUARY 27 – APRIL 16) - CAP AND GOWN RENTAL**

Online Orders can be taken via [www.uscbookstore.com](http://www.uscbookstore.com), starting **February 27, 2017 – April 16, 2017**  
Please have your height, weight, capsizes, and a major credit card when placing your order.

Your order can be mailed to you. The fee for shipping/processing is \$20.00. Due to limited storage, gowns cannot be stored on campus. For cap and gown pricing, use the graduation link on the bookstore's website.

<http://www.uscbookstore.com> and for additional questions, please call 213.740.8997

*\*Any online orders placed from April 17 – April 30 must be picked up on campus.*

### **ON CAMPUS – MAY 1 - CAP AND GOWN RENTAL**

On campus Cap and Gown ordering will take place starting May 1

### **FOR DEGREE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**MAT, MAT-TESOL, ME-Teacher Leadership Programs**

**and Special Education Credential (Online & On Campus)**

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