**DOCTORAL CANDIDATES – 2016 CEREMONY INFORMATION**

**Welcome to Commencement 2016!** 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.

This year’s ceremony will take place in **McCarthy Quad**, guest tickets are **not required** for the Doctoral Ceremony. In a larger venue, there is space to accommodate approximately 20 guests per graduate. Please keep this number in mind as you invite your love ones.

For complete and up to date information on Commencement log on to: [http://rossierstudents.usc.edu/commencement/](http://rossierstudents.usc.edu/commencement/)

**ROSSIER DOCTORAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (EdD & PhD)**

The Rossier School of Education Doctoral Commencement Ceremony takes place **Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in McCarthy Quad**. All Doctoral students will be hooded by their Faculty Chair during this ceremony. Guest tickets are **NOT required**.

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

The USC Main Commencement Ceremony takes place **Friday, May 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Alumni Park**. No tickets are **required**. Seating is on a **first-come-first-served basis**.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**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 - UNIVERSITY RECORD REVIEW**

Starting **NOW**, review your official university information for accuracy. Names, previous degrees and dissertation titles will only be printed in accordance with your University record in the USC Commencement Book. Review immediately by logging on to the secure, “Check Your Commencement Related Information” link from the Degree Progress Office’s webpage at:

[http://www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/degreeprogress/onlineservices/index.html](http://www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/degreeprogress/onlineservices/index.html). You may also access the site by following the, “Commencement Related” link on your OASIS homepage.

On the “Commencement” page, please review the details that will be printed in the program. If there are any corrections required, please follow the instructions provided.
February 29 - March 4 - 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 2015, Spring 2016 or Summer 2016. Your name will NOT appear in the Commencement Book if any privacy blocks are placed on your student information.

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March 11 - Deadline to Buy Regalia from USC Bookstore

April 28 - Cap and Gown Rental

Ordering, measurement and distribution of the Cap and Gown will take place in the Pertusati University Bookstore, 3rd Floor. Hours are as follows: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Friday, May 13, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Online orders can be taken via www.uscbookstore.com, February 12, 2016 – May 2, 2016 ONLY

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