

DATE: February 5, 2018

TO: DVM Graduates – Class of 2018

FROM: Mark D. Stetter, DVM, DACZM
Dean

SUBJECT: Spring 2018 Graduation – **MOBY ARENA**

Instructions and information for the Spring 2018 **DVM Commencement Ceremony** are as follows:

1. The DVM Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday morning, May 11, 2018 beginning at 8:00 AM in **MOBY ARENA** on the main CSU Campus. The ceremony will begin promptly at **8:00 AM** and should take less than 2 hours.

DVM students are to meet for line-up in the Moby Arena Auxiliary Gym, which is located directly east of Moby Arena. You are to be at the Auxiliary Gym NO LATER THAN 7:15 AM FOR LINE UP AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

**IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS
ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 7:15 AM**

2. For the DVM ceremony, all students **MUST** wear traditional academic regalia.

You will be updated when all detailed regalia information is finalized (pick up, drop off times/locations, etc.) <http://alumni.colostate.edu/grad-packs/>

The hood that is part of your regalia will not be given to you at the time you pick up your cap, gown and tassel. Deb Liptak will make arrangements to pick up ALL DVM hoods and take them to the Lory Student Center for the hooding ceremony on Thursday evening.

You may pick up caps and gowns for students who will not be on campus or in town during the days designated above.

Tassels are worn on the left side. Your cap should be worn level and not on the back of your head. Do not switch your tassel during the ceremony. Men should remove caps at appropriate times. Women should wear caps at all times.

3. No admission tickets for the commencement at Moby Arena are needed for families and guests.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. You should have guests arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony, which will begin promptly at 8:00 AM.

4. **Parking at Moby Arena** for our 8:00 AM ceremony will be uncomplicated if guests park at the “non-A-permit” sites west of Moby Arena. No parking is permitted in the 20 minute Loading Zones, except for loading and unloading, red/fire zones and No Parking/Undesignated Areas. Additional information regarding parking can be obtained from the Office of Parking Management at 491-7041.
5. Please remember -- this ceremony is a very public event, reflecting upon you as an individual and the university as a whole. For this reason, we request that you maintain the appropriate dignity by not wearing anything "atypical" or "decorating" your regalia in any way and that your behavior during the ceremony also reflect the dignity and importance of this occasion for all of us.
6. In order to be consistent with Moby Operations CSU PD has asked that we adhere to the clear bag policy for the commencement ceremonies. This does not prevent individuals from bringing in cameras, they just are not able to bring in the large cases that accompany them. Detailed information is at: [Moby Clear Bag Policy](#). You are reminded that it is illegal to bring alcoholic beverages into Moby Arena or the Moby Arena Auxiliary Gym. Uniformed police officers will be in attendance as will faculty marshals when you enter the assembly area and throughout the ceremony. You may be requested to open robes, etc., for inspection as you enter in accord with commencement policies.
7. Graduates receive a diploma cover at Commencement. The actual diplomas will be mailed to graduates six to eight weeks after commencement.

Limited handicapped seating is available at Moby Arena. It will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Ushers can provide additional information. ***There is very limited space near the handicapped seating area for families to sit. Ushers will be instructed to allow only 1 or possibly 2 family members to sit with the person requiring handicapped seating. This will be dependent upon space availability.***

PLEASE NOTE: IF A GUEST REQUIRES A WHEEL CHAIR, THE FAMILY MUST PROVIDE IT. MOBY ARENA DOES NOT PROVIDE WHEEL CHAIRS FOR GUESTS.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Haase, Christine.Haase@colostate.edu in the Dean's Office.