



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO

*Commencement Committee
Office of the University Registrar*

October 5, 2009

Dear Friends and Families of August 2009 Degree Recipients and December 2009 Degree Candidates:

Commencement at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro represents a highlight in the life of its graduating students and in the lives of their families and friends. It also allows the University an opportunity to recognize the scholarship and achievements of graduates, as well as the sacrifices and contributions of family members toward achievement of this important goal. It is with great pleasure that the faculty and administration of UNCG invite you to participate in this joyous event in December, honoring those students who completed degree requirements in August and those who will complete degree requirements in December 2009. We look forward to making this event an enjoyable and memorable one for all who attend.

You are receiving this communication because your student either graduated in August or applied for December 2009 graduation. For December applicants, it does not imply completion of degree requirements. Degree candidates will be informed of their graduation status via e-mail during the month of October. This communication is designed to provide you with some information related to the commencement ceremony.

THE DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. December 2009 commencement will be held in the Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, North Carolina, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 17. The ceremony itself will last approximately two and one half hours.

REGALIA AND RSVP. Degree candidates have been informed through their iSpartan e-mail accounts to order academic regalia through the University Bookstore by November 6, and to RSVP for the commencement ceremony by December 3. For a copy of the message sent to degree candidates go to CommencementCentral.uncg.edu.

PARKING. Undergraduates and their guests should park in the general parking lots indicated on the maps on our Web site at www.uncg.edu/reg/Com/ColiseumInfo.html. Parking is unlimited and free; no parking passes are required by the Coliseum.

SECURITY. In recent years, security has been heightened at many public events and the Greensboro Coliseum has increased its security measures. Because purses and possibly coats may be checked on commencement day, we suggest that you bring only those items that are necessary. **Please leave any balloons, flowers, packages, or other gifts for graduates in your vehicles as these may be confiscated by Coliseum security!**

SEATING. General seating is unlimited and is not reserved, except for the deaf and hard of hearing. The Coliseum doors will open at 8:30 A.M. and the ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. All guests should plan to be in their seats by 9:45 A.M. **Graduates have been instructed to arrive at their designated assembly area at the Greensboro Coliseum complex, East Wing of the Special Events Center, no later than 9:15 A.M.** We will have special seating areas for the deaf and hard of hearing, those with restricted mobility, and those with medical problems. Please see www.uncg.edu/reg/Com/Special.html for more information.

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Please be advised that there will be an ice surface beneath the arena flooring. We have recommended that the graduates dress warmly as the floor and air temperature in their seating area may be somewhat chilly.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER. The commencement speaker will be Dr. Matina Kalcounis-Rüppell, UNCG faculty member in the Department of Biology and recipient of the Alumni Teaching Excellence Award for 2009.

GRADUATION FEE AND DIPLOMAS FOR DECEMBER CANDIDATES. The graduation fee of \$55.00 for undergraduates must be paid in the Cashiers and Student Accounts Office by November 17, 2009. The graduation fee covers some of the costs of commencement. During the ceremony, graduates will be recognized on stage and will receive diploma covers as their names are called. Diplomas for December graduates will be mailed to the address listed on the student's degree application after graduation clearance is complete in late January.

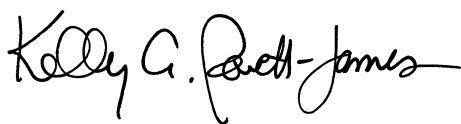
OUTSTANDING BALANCES OWED TO THE UNIVERSITY. Students who have outstanding financial obligations to the University will not receive diplomas in the mail, and will be unable to obtain official transcripts until such obligations have been taken care of in the Cashiers and Student Accounts Office. All debts owed the University must be cleared thirty days prior to commencement.

PHOTOGRAPHS. Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer to take a photo of each graduate as he or she crosses the stage and is congratulated by Chancellor Brady, and as he or she exits the stage.

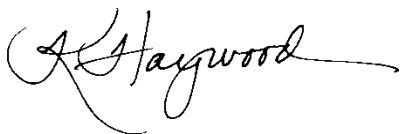
ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. Since December weather can be unpredictable, out-of-town guests should consult the media for Greensboro weather prior to beginning their travels, or call 336/334-4400 for cancellation or postponement announcements. If the ceremony is postponed, the alternate date will be posted on CommencementCentral.uncg.edu as soon as it is determined.

Please feel free to e-mail registrar@uncg.edu if we can be of assistance to you in any way regarding commencement, or you may access our Web site for additional commencement information at CommencementCentral.uncg.edu. We congratulate your student on his or her accomplishments and look forward to seeing you in December.

Sincerely,



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University Registrar



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