USC Commencement Ceremony for ALL USC Graduates:
Faculty and Student Line Up for USC Main Commencement Ceremony
Friday, May 12, 2017
Location: Alumni Park
Line-Up begins at 7:30 AM - Procession begins at 8:30 AM

Faculty and graduating PhD students line up at Bovard Auditorium at 7:30 AM.
Price School Undergraduate, Masters and DPPD students line up at 7:30 AM on the north side of VKC, “Line-Up - Section A”. There will be a stanchion with the school’s name on it to indicate your line-up point.

Students process with their school behind cardinal and gold banners listing the name of the school, and flags depicting the school’s academic imagery. The main ceremony begins at 9:00 a.m. This ceremony includes formal addresses from the President, the Valedictorian, and the Commencement speaker; in addition, honorary degrees are bestowed, and students are officially recognized (en masse) as graduates of the university. The ceremony concludes at approximately 10:15 a.m., and students march out of the park back to their assembly points.

If you will be attending the main USC ceremony, you will find additional information about disability services online: http://commencement.usc.edu/guests/disability-info/

Link to additional information: USC Commencement Information
Price Satellite Ceremony for Price Doctoral, Masters’ and Undergraduate Students:
Faculty and Student Line Up for the Price Satellite Ceremony
Friday, May 12, 2017, immediately following USC’s Main Ceremony
Location: Shrine Auditorium, 649 West Jefferson Boulevard, north of campus
Ceremony Begins at 11:00 AM

Price Satellite Reception, immediately following the satellite ceremony at approximately 1 PM
Location: Leavey Library Lawn, north side of Leavey Library on 34th Street near Parking Structure D (PSD)

ENTRANCE TO THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM
The entrance to the Shrine Auditorium is located on Royal Street off of Jefferson Boulevard.

Entrance #1: Opens at 10 AM for Special Needs Guests
Entrance #2: Main Entrance opens 10:15 AM for Guests
Entrance #3: Located next to the Box Office: Opens for Graduates – following the main ceremony at approximately 10:30 AM; Faculty line up at 10:45 AM.

Once inside the Shrine, faculty and graduates will be directed straight into “Expo Hall” where they will line up. Students will not be admitted into the main auditorium until the procession begins at 11 AM, please be sure to give your family anything you do not want to carry during the ceremony.

STUDENT LINE-UP – READER CARDS

- Faculty will line up in two lines
- PhD and DPPD students will form one line
- Undergraduate and masters’ students will form two lines, by program
- Please note: you will be seated next to the person you are standing behind and in front of, not the person next to you in line
- Please complete a “Reader Card” (above) which will be handed out to you in line. Please complete the front of the card with your name. When you get ready to go up on stage you will give this to our name
Please complete the contact information on the back of the card accurately, the photography company will contact you with information about pictures taken during the ceremony using this information.

- Staff will place a red or gold label on your reader card, please stand in line with students who have the same colored label.
- As you process into the tent it is important that there are no breaks in the line, please stay directly behind the person in front of you as you process.

**DUAL DEGREE STUDENTS**

Please complete TWO reader cards. You may line up and sit with the program of your choice. You will go across stage first with the program that you lined up with and then again with the second program, just join those students in line when they go up to the stage. If you rented two hoods, you wear the hood for the program you are accepting the “Degree” for and then change hoods when you go up a second time. You may hold the other hood draped on your arm when you process in. **You are not required to have two hoods.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING**

If you have guests with special needs, please have them notify a staff person for assistance to the main floor of the auditorium when they enter at Entrance #1.

We will have a reserved seating area on the Auditorium floor for guests who will remain seated in wheelchairs during the satellite ceremony. Due to space limitations however, only one family member may sit with the disabled guest in the reserved seating. Upon arrival at the wheelchair seating area please check-in with staff.

For guests in wheelchairs who are able to get out of the wheelchair and sit in the regular seating area, we will keep the wheelchair in the stroller parking area during the ceremony. Strict fire regulations prevent us from keeping wheelchairs that someone is not sitting in and walkers inside the auditorium.

**STROLLER PARKING**

Due to strict fire regulations, we are unable to accommodate strollers in the Auditorium. We will hold strollers in the lobby and store them in a stroller parking area. Please let your guests know in advance so they can be prepared to bring what they need into the Auditorium.

**PICTURE TAKING**

Standing in aisles at any time is prohibited by the fire marshal. Please let your families know that we will have a photographer taking your picture as you accept your “diploma cover”. We ask that all guests remain seated during the ceremony and we cannot allow guests to congregate in the aisles or open spaces.

We will have large screens that will make it easier for families and friends to see you as you process to the stage.

**PARKING**

The lot next to the Shrine Auditorium on the west side will not be open.

Please look at the attached map for parking lots close to the Shrine Auditorium. Parking is free on campus on commencement day.

- Parking Structure X (PSX) located at McCarthy Way on Figueroa Street, with entrance from...
• Parking Structure 1 (PS1) located at Exposition Boulevard and Figueroa Street, with entrance from Flower Street
• Parking Structure 2 (PS2) behind the Radisson Hotel with entrance from Flower Street
• Parking lots on campus will fill up early. The Parking Center, located on the other side of the 110 Freeway is recommended for guests who will arrive after the main ceremony begins at 8:30 AM.

SATELLITE RECEPTION
A reception immediately follows the satellite ceremony on Leavey Library Lawn, located on the north side of Leavey Library on 34th Street.

REGALIA RETURN
Regalia should be returned to the Bookstore or to bins that are placed on campus.

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