COMMENCEMENT 2016

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business

WHEN AND WHERE

The main University ceremony will be held at 9:00AM on Friday, May 13th in Alumni Park. Guests should plan on arriving on campus by 7:00AM to secure parking (which is free). Marshall students should assemble at Von Kleinsmied Center (VKC) along Trousdale Pkwy by 8:00AM for the 8:30AM processional. Business majors will be seated on the northwest side of Alumni Park; therefore, your guests may wish to sit near that area. Tickets are not needed for the main ceremony.

Immediately following the main ceremony, Marshall Graduates should check in and assemble for Marshall’s Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony at the Galen Center. The doors for guest seating will open at 10:15AM, NO EARLIER. Guests should be seated by 10:50AM and remain seated during the entire program. Seating will be offered on a first come, first serve basis; TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration needed for the main University ceremony. However, in order to participate in the Marshall satellite commencement ceremony, you are required to complete the online survey that will be sent to your USC email account in March. Students who graduated in Fall 2015 or have an anticipated graduation date of Spring 2016 or Summer 2016 are welcome to participate. Students who will not be graduating until Fall 2016 are welcome to walk, though their names will not appear in the Commencement Bulletin until Spring 2016 and they will not be eligible to wear honor cords or sashes.

You can verify your commencement date by logging into OA/SIS (www.usc.edu/oasis) and checking your STARS report. If your anticipated graduation date is incorrect, please go to the One Stop Center (TRO 101) to file a change of information.

DIPLOMAS

Students will receive a diploma cover at the time of commencement. Diplomas will be mailed approximately 6-8 weeks after all coursework has been completed and verified.

HONORS

To be eligible for undergraduate honors at graduation, a minimum overall grade point average of 3.5 for cum laude, 3.7 for magna cum laude and 3.9 for summa cum laude is required at the completion of the Fall 2015 semester (please note that University Honors will not be granted retroactively). Students must meet these averages on both residence work attempted and combined transferred and residence work attempted. Grade point average calculation is truncated and not rounded. University honors are noted on academic transcripts and diplomas once all coursework is completed. These students will be notified via email when their Honor Cord is available for pick-up.

Additionally, Marshall Honors students who have a Marshall GPA of 3.5 or higher and have completed the BUAD-491 Honors Seminar will be awarded a sash and will also be notified via email when they are available for pick-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation announcements can be ordered in person at the Bookstore or on the Herff Jones website:
http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/usc/

CAP & GOWNS

Ordering, measurement, and distribution of cap and gowns will take place at the University Bookstore, 3rd floor, beginning Wednesday, April 27th through Friday, May 12th. The rental fee is approximately $60. Caps and gowns must be returned to outside of the University Bookstore immediately following the ceremony.

PICTURES & DVD

A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate as the diploma cover is awarded on stage. Graduates will be emailed a proof of their picture as well as an order form in the weeks following commencement. Due to fire laws and the policies of the Galen Center, no one will be permitted to stand in the aisles during the ceremony to take pictures. Guests are welcome to take pictures from their seats.

A DVD of the Marshall Commencement ceremony will be mailed to each student’s permanent address approximately 1-2 months after the ceremony.

DISABLED SEATING

Guests who require wheelchair access will be offered priority seating, beginning at 9:45AM. Due to limited seating, these guests will be asked to enter the Galen Center disabled seating sections only with one accompanying family member. Please arrive early in order to be granted priority admittance.

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