

ACADEMIC ATTIRE for Commencement

If you are planning to participate in the Commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Kleinhans Music Hall, or are not sure you will be able to participate, it is very important that you place an order for attire. A CAP and GOWN is REQUIRED to be worn by all participants and you will not be charged if you cancel an order, however, there is the possibility you will be charged a \$5.00 late fee if you order after February 28, 2009.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009, in the BOOKSTORE so that you will be guaranteed to have your academic attire. Orders may be placed by email, phone, or in person. Payment is made when you pick up your package before Commencement in May.

Caps are elasticized and one-size-fits-all. The mortarboard is traditionally worn in a horizontal position, not perched vertically on the back of one's head. The tassel is worn over the right side of the hat before the degree is conferred, and moved to the left during the ceremony. Gowns are to be eight to ten inches from the floor while wearing shoes. Please note this when you are placing your order. We will add inches to your height if necessary to ensure the correct length. The hood is carried over your arm until you have walked across the stage at Commencement. Explicit instructions will be given to you at rehearsal.

The colors inside the hood are blue and white to represent the college. The velvet trim on the hood signifies the degree: gold for the Sciences, white for the Liberal Arts, dark brown for the Fine Arts and teal for Doctor of Physical Therapy. If you are getting a dual degree, the Science degree takes precedence over the Liberal Arts or Fine Arts degree.

The Bookstore has a selection of diploma frames and other gifts available for purchase. The Balfour/Art-Carved class ring representative will be in the Bookstore February 18-19, 2009. Rings ordered at that time should be shipped before graduation.

The Bookstore will be open 8-11am the morning of Commencement for last minute purchases. Bookstore staff will be present as well at Kleinhans with a small selection of flowers and gifts available for purchase before and during the ceremony.

PRICES FOR ACADEMIC ATTIRE PURCHASES FOR 2009 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Bachelors	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$45.00
	Extra Tassel	\$4.00
Masters	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$49.00
	Extra Tassel	\$4.00
Doctor	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$63.00

Any questions concerning Commencement attire or announcements should be directed to the Bookstore, 716.839.8245, or by email to daemen@bkstr.com. Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS!