



December 2009

Dear Student:

As Commencement 2010 approaches, I would like to make you aware of several dates pertaining to the Commencement Ceremony at 10:30 AM on **Thursday, May 20, 2010** and related activities. Information about local hotel and parking venues will be included in future mailings.

Important Commencement Dates

Graduation Petition Deadline	Fri., Jan. 22, 2010
Graduation Fair	Wed., Feb. 17, 2010, 10 AM-3 PM
Graduating Student Portraits	Wed., April 7, 2010, 9 AM-4 PM
Commencement Ceremony Ticket Distribution	Wed., May 5 - Fri., May 14, 2010, 10 AM-5 PM
Cap & Gown Distribution	Wed., May 5 - Fri., May 14, 2010, 10 AM-5 PM
Graduation Semi-Formal	TBA
Commencement Rehearsal	Wed., May 19, 2010, 9 AM
College Awards Ceremonies	Wed., May 19, 2010 CPA, 11 AM CMAC, 12 noon CAD, 2 PM
Masters Hooding Ceremony	To Be Announced
Commencement Ceremony	Thurs., May 20 2010, 10:30 AM (Lineup at 9:30 AM; Processional at 10 AM)

It is very important for you to know that receiving this mailing DOES NOT guarantee that you are eligible to graduate in May. You must make sure that you check with the Office of the Registrar to determine if you will complete your degree requirements before Commencement. The Office of the Registrar is located in Room 230 of Hamilton Hall and can be reached by calling (215) 717-6420. Please keep in mind that you may petition to graduate online via the MyUArts portal within the MyUArts "records" section. If you have received this mailing, and you DID NOT petition to graduate with the Office of the Registrar, you need to do so no later than Friday, January 22, 2010.

Once you have petitioned to graduate, make plans to stop by the Graduation Fair on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The fair is an important event for all undergraduate and graduate students participating in Commencement, including August 2009 and December 2009 graduates. The fair will run from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Solmssen Court of Hamilton Hall at 320 South Broad Street.

This is an exciting time in your life to celebrate your accomplishments, and I wish you the best of luck as graduation draws near. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Office of Student Affairs at (215) 717-6617, the Student Development & Activities Center at (215) 717-6615 or the Provost's Office at 215-6388. See you at the Graduation Fair!

Sincerely,

R. Alan Leffers
VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students