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MEMORANDUM

May 2017 Graduates

From: Amie Hufton, Co-Chairman of Commencement Committee

Congratulations Aggie Graduates! Your commencement ceremony will be here soon. There are a few important details you and your family and friends will need to know.

Commencement Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017
Commencement Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: The Galveston Island Convention Center

Please be in robing room no later than 8:30 am on Saturday to allow time to get into your robe and find your place in the processional. In order to understand the commencement ceremony and logistics, I highly recommend you visit www.tamug.edu/commencement. All graduates must have a cap and gown, which can be ordered from the TAMUG bookstore except those Cadets who are receiving their US Navy Commission or US Coast Guard License, who will wear the appropriate uniform. Graduate students should also be sure to order their hood with their regalia.

Candidates receiving a graduate degree should bring their hood and give it to one of the stage organizers in the robing area upon arrival. When you are called onto the stage, you will be hooded first, then handed your diploma by the Chief Academic Officer. The hooding is generally done by the graduate advisors. If you have someone in particular you wish to hood you, please let Amie Hufton (huftona@tamug.edu) know as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

It is important that you plan to attend Commencement Rehearsal on Friday, May 12, at 10:00 am. Details will be available at www.tamug.edu/commencement in early May. The brief rehearsal will include a run-through of the ceremony, as well as give you up to the minute details about this important event. You will receive a seating chart (so you will know where to sit and who should be seated next to you), and ensure the announcer has the correct pronunciation of your name. It is a good idea to wear the shoes you plan to wear to the actual ceremony. You need not bring your cap and gown to the rehearsal.

Finally, please be sure that your permanent address on file with student records is correct, as your graduation picture will be sent to this address. A reception to honor graduates will be hosted in the foyer of the Galveston Island Convention Center immediately following commencement. Graduates and their family and friends as well as Commencement faculty, speakers, and other guests are all invited to attend. Guests are encouraged to join you for this momentous occasion. You will want to make hotel reservations for friends and family as early as possible. It may be difficult to get last minute room reservations during the beginning of tourist season.

Should you have questions, please contact me at 409.740.4928 or Kathey Walker at 409.740.4408 or walkerk@tamug.edu.