MEMORANDUM

To: May 2015 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 16, 2015
Commencement Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Galveston Island Convention Center

Parking
Option 1 - parking garage levels 1 or 2 under the Convention Center at no charge
Option 2 – parking lot behind The San Luis Hotel and ride shuttle to Convention Center at no charge
Option 3 - Parking on the seawall with a charge

Please be in robing area no later than 10:00 am on Saturday to allow time to get into your robe, have your photo made, and find your place in the proceessional. 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.

Graduate degrees are awarded first. If you are receiving a graduate degree, please give your hood to one of the stage organizers when you arrive. One or both will be in the student robing area prior to the ceremony. When you are called onto stage you will be hooded first, then handed your diploma by the CEO. The hooding is usually 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 15th, at 10:00 am in the CLB Rm. 100 - auditorium. 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.

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