Spring 2015 American Indian Convocation Information

Friday, May 15, 2015 at 3:00pm
Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium - Tempe

ARRIVAL, ASSEMBLY, AND LINE-UP
Gammage Auditorium will be open at 2:00 pm for graduates and guests. **All graduates must arrive by 2:00 pm.** Guests will enter Gammage Auditorium from the east main entrance. Graduates will enter from the north docking doors (go down the drive ramp), check-in at the registration table, pick up your bio/photo cards, and assemble in the waiting area. Check bio cards for accuracy. Be prepared to line-up at 2:40 pm. The line-up order is royalty, faculty, platform guests, doctoral, masters and undergraduate students.

CONVOCATION CEREMONY
The Ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 pm with a formal processional. The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes. During the processional, Convocation staff/volunteers will guide you across the stage and to your seating area. The front rows are reserved for graduates and special guests. They will also guide you to the stage during the presentation of graduates and guide you to exit during the recessional. Following the ceremony, all guests should remain seated until all graduates have left the floor.

TICKETS
All seats are assigned and a ticket is required for each guest attending the ceremony. Graduates will receive the number of guests confirmed to attend the Convocation. Additional tickets may be available on a first come, first serve basis at the door. Tickets are free of charge. Graduates are responsible for distributing tickets to their guests.

ATTIRE
All graduates must wear an official ASU cap and gown. A hood is also required for Master and doctoral level graduates. These are Convocation requirements. These items can be purchased at the ASU Bookstore. Traditional attire may be worn under your gown but the cap and gown must be worn at all times.
RECOGNITION
The 'Presentation of Graduates' is the most important part of the ceremony. Graduates will walk across the stage to receive their recognition. Convocation staff/volunteers will guide you to the stage. They will take your bio and name cards in the order you line-up. Your name card will be scanned and your information and photo will appear on the screen overhead. As you walk across the stage; shake hands, pose for a photo, and return to your seat. Maintain the same position in the line-up, procession, and while seated. As a special recognition and honor, you will receive a traditional graduation stole/sash made from a Pendleton blanket. There are special recognition for various achievements and you will be notified if you are receiving a special award.

PARKING
Free parking is available in Lot 3 surrounding Gammage Auditorium. Graduates or guests who require closer access may be dropped off at the front entrance of ASU Gammage.

- Parking is not allowed in residence hall lots, reserved stalls and other restricted locations where special permits are required, including red, green and yellow curbs.
- Regular fees will be collected at meters and visitor lots, including the visitor parking areas within the Fulton Center, Apache Boulevard and Rural Road structures.
- PTS representatives will be on hand to provide motorist assistance for dead batteries and lock-outs. Please call 480.965.0641 if you need this service.

PHOTOGRAPHS
GradTrak is the professional photography service. Photographers will take at least two photos of each graduate, one as they receive their award and one as they step off the stage. Remember to follow instructions given by the photographer in order to keep the program flowing. GradTrak will contact you with information on how to purchase photos.

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT
The Graduate Commencement will be held on Monday, May 11th, 10:30 am at Wells Fargo Arena. The Undergraduate Commencement will be held on Monday, May 11th, 7:30 pm at Sun Devil Stadium. Details are available at http://graduation.asu.edu.

DONATE YOUR CAP & GOWN
You may donate your cap and gown after the Convocation for future graduates to use. Drop them off at the American Indian Student Support Services office any time after the ceremony and throughout the year. This is not mandatory but a great way to give back to your community and your fellow peers who may be unable to purchase their own cap and gown.

QUESTIONS
Contact Michael Begaye, Executive Director of American Indian Student Support Services, at mbegaye@asu.edu or call 480-965-6280.