COMMENCEMENT
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Friday, May 24, 2013
IZOD Center
montclair.edu/commencement

REPORTING TIME: 9:00 a.m.
CEREMONY START TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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ommencement exercises will take place indoors at the IZOD Center in the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford, NJ, on Friday, May 24, 2013 beginning at 10 a.m. The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes. Candidates’ names are not read during the ceremony.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY
The following students are eligible to participate in the Commencement exercises:
• Candidates who have filed for a final audit, will complete their degree requirements by May 2013 and are on the May 2013 graduation list
• Graduates whose degrees were conferred in August 2012 or January 2013
For questions about academic issues related to your degree, contact the Office of the Registrar at 973-655-4376.
For information on applications for final audit, teacher certification, and/or if you missed the deadline to file for graduation, go to montclair.edu/Registrar.
For questions regarding the Commencement ceremony, contact University Events at 973-655-5494 or email graduation@montclair.edu.

LINE-UP
Graduating students should report to the exhibition storage area on the lowest level of the arena for line-up. Enter the building through the box office lobby and proceed down the escalator. Make a right and continue to the exhibition area. Follow the signs to your department’s location.
Please note: Shoulder bags or other carried articles are not acceptable in an academic procession. Remember to keep your car keys in a safe place.

GUEST SEATING
IZOD Center doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and all guests should be seated by 9:45 a.m.
Since seating is plentiful, you may bring as many guests as you wish. There is no reserved seating. Let your guests know your degree and College/School so they can sit in the area from which they can best see you.
Guests who need wheelchair accessible seating should follow signs posted on the main concourse level or ask ushers for assistance.

CANDIDATES’ SEATING
A diagram is provided to help you find the area where you will be seated in the arena. All master’s candidates are seated as a group. Baccalaurate candidates sit with their major departments. Doctoral candidates sit with their dissertation advisors on the platform.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING FOR COMMENCEMENT
The Meadowlands Sports Complex has ample free parking. Guests will direct you and your guests to appropriate parking areas. Accessible parking for guests with special needs and who have state-issued license plates or placards is available in Area Lot 26, 27, and 29 and Deck 23. For more information on directions and parking, visit the IZOD website at izodcenter.com/parking.

LEAVING THE IZOD CENTER
Following the ceremony, guests will exit the IZOD Center from the concourse level and graduates will march directly out of the arena through the box office lobby doors. No one will be allowed to remain in the lobby or to retrieve the lobby from the concourse level. Please plan to meet your guests outside the center doors or at their vehicles.

INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE AND SCHOOL COMMISION CONVOCATION
Each College and School will host a Convocation ceremony for eligible candidates. While all degrees are conferred at the University Commencement on May 24, the individual pre-commencement College and School Conventions are held on campus to celebrate students’ achievements. Seating is limited and tickets are required for the Conventions.
All ceremonies are held on Sprague Field. In case of inclement weather, the Convocation ceremony will be rescheduled. Call the weather hotline at 973-655-7810 or visit montclair.edu for up-to-the-minute weather information.

Rain dates for Convocations: Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 23. Schedule will be determined based on number of delays.

2013 CONVOCATION CALENDAR
College of the Arts: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
For more information, call 973-655-7346 or visit montclair.edu/arts/convocation
College of Education and Human Services: Monday, May 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call 973-655-5192 or visit montclair.edu/ehs/convocation
College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call 973-655-4228 or visit montclair.edu/humanities/convocation
College of Science and Mathematics: Sunday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.
For more information, call 973-655-5108 or visit montclair.edu/science/convocation
The Graduate School: Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
For more information, call 973-655-5167 or visit montclair.edu/graduating/convocation
Please note that all master’s and doctoral degree candidates are to attend this Convocation.
School of Business: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call 973-655-4304 or visit business.montclair.edu/commencement/convocations
For additional information, go to montclair.edu/commencement/convocations.

ACADEMIC REGALIA (CAPS AND GOWNS)
Academic regalia — caps, gowns, sashes and hoods — is worn as follows:
For undergraduate Convocations: robe and stole only (no cap)
For graduate Convocation: robe and cap (no hood)
For Commencement: full regalia

Robes
Students participating in Convocation ceremonies and/or the Commencement exercises are required to wear academic robes. Orders and purchases may be picked up at the University Bookstore during regular store hours (check montclair.bkstr.com for specific times) and even on May 24 at the IZOD Center. See date for pickup in the next section. Please present a valid student I.D. or driver’s license at the time of pick up. All purchases of academic regalia are non-refundable.
Bachelor’s degree regalia cost $63 and will be available beginning May 8 through May 23
Master’s degree regalia cost $70 and must be ordered through Herff Jones at collegewrappers@herffjones.com, and not at the University Bookstore, by March 31, 2013. No orders will be accepted after this date. Orders will be available for pickup beginning May 9 through May 23
Doctoral candidates participating in the Commencement exercises should contact The Graduate School:

STOLES AND HOODS
Bachelors of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Fine Arts Candidates do not wear hoods. All bachelor degree candidates wear a red stole.

The hoods for the master’s and doctoral degrees are lined with the official colors of Montclair State University, red and white. The colors of the outside trim of the hood are related to each degree are as follows:
Master of Arts (MA) — white liner
Master of Business Administration (MBA) — red liner
Master of Education (MEd) — red liner
Master of Fine Arts (MFA) — brown liner
Master of Public Health (MPH) — salmon pink liner
Master of Science (MS) — green liner

Please note: Academic hoods are NOT to be worn for Convocation but will be worn at Commencement.

DIPLOMA AND DIPLOMA COVERS
Diplomas will be mailed to May degree recipients within two to three weeks of Commencement. Diploma covers are provided free of charge and may be picked up with your cap and gown.
A valid student I.D. or driver’s license is required at the time of pickup. Diploma frames may be purchased at the University Bookstore.

GRADUATION HONORS (Bachelor’s degrees only)
The honors averages for summa cum laude, magna cum laude and cum laude are 3.85, 3.65 and 3.45 respectively. Students graduating with these honors may wear a gold tassel on their caps at the Commencement exercises.
Eligible honors candidates must have completed a minimum of 51 undergraduate credits at Montclair State. Grades of “A” through “D” must be received for a minimum of 48 of these 51 credits.
For May degree candidates, honors designations are based on the student’s cumulative grade point average as of January 2013, plus the credits expected to be earned by the end of the spring semester.
Gold tassels may be picked up with the purchase of caps and gowns. University Bookstore employees will have a list of all eligible honors graduates, and students must present a valid student I.D. or driver’s license to receive their gold tassels.
Honors designations appear in the Commencement program. For May candidates who earn honors once the degree is conferred, the honors designation will appear on the official transcript approximately two to three weeks after graduation.
There are no honors designations for graduate students.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS
You may order personalized graduation announcements to send to friends and family through Herff Jones at collegegrad.hj.com. Costs and delivery information is available on the HJ Jones website.

FINANCIAL CLEARANCES
All students must meet all financial obligations before receiving their diplomas or final transcripts. Financial obligations include but are not limited to tuition, room, board, course fees, parking fines, library fines, residence hall fees and any special fees or fines charged to a student’s account. All students should view their account summary via WESS for payment methods. For information concerning fines, contact Imperial Parking; Level 1 of Red Hawk Deck, 973-655-7581/17580; Student Account Services, 973-655-4311; or all other financial obligations, 973-655-4100/4471.
If you received Federal loans, you will need to make arrangements for repayment.
Please visit the Financial Aid Exit Counseling website at montclair.edu/financialaid/education-alm AlaskaEducation-Loan/exit-counseling.

YEARBOOK AND CLASS RING
Contact the Student Government Association at 973-655-4202.

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI RELATIONS
As a Montclair State graduate, you join a dynamic network of more than 100,000 proud Red Hawks in virtually every profession, across all 50 states and in more than 75 countries. Our alumni share a lifelong connection with the University, supporting its mission by recruiting deserving students, fundraising, and opening doors for fellow graduates.
Alumni Relations keeps you connected to the University — and to your classmates — through exclusive benefits and services, access to career resources, exciting programs and events and meaningful volunteer opportunities. To learn more, visit montclair.edu/alumni.
*Doctoral candidates will sit with their dissertation advisors on the platform.