

## 2008 College of Sciences Commencement Sunday, May 25 at 1:00p.m.

The 2008 Commencement will consist of two ceremonies. The entire event, which includes both ceremonies, is not expected to take longer than 2 hours, 30 minutes.

### **Main Ceremony** - Begins at 1:00

This ceremony will remain the same as previous years, however, we plan to make some minor changes to the script that will have that ceremony completed in approx. 50 minutes. PhDs will be hooded at this ceremony. President's platform party will attend.

### **Name Reading Ceremony** - Begins at approx. 2:00pm

The President's platform party will not attend this ceremony. Names will be read, graduates will walk across the stage and photos will be taken for the Masters and Bachelor graduates. At this ceremony, the Outstanding Students from each department and their Most Influential Faculty Member will be recognized. If your department has awards that were previously recognized at your department ceremony, they will be announced as well. Professional name-readers will be present to announce the graduates. This ceremony is expected to take approx. 1 hour 15 minutes.

### **Receptions** - (Immediately following the Name Reading Ceremony)

These receptions are just that, receptions, they are not an additional ceremony. This reception can be used as an opportunity to hand out awards and make special acknowledgements. The University will provide signage to help direct the graduates and their guests. The Commencement website will list the confirmed reception locations by April 1. **There will be a mandatory meeting for Department Coordinators with Jennifer Turner on March 26 from 2-3pm in MH 4450 to discuss receptions.**

### **Additional Information:**

- The Commencement Brochure will be available mid-March (three weeks before GradFest).
- GradFest is scheduled for April 8, 9 and 10 from 9:30 am - 7:00 pm.
- **Deadline for renting regalia from Aztec Shops is now April 4!** *Please share this deadline with your faculty.*
- Rehearsal will be Thursday, May 22 at 8:00am in Cox Arena.