



MAY 2015 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Commencement Date and Time	Saturday, May 23, 2015
Location	The Xfinity Center is on the University of Maryland, College Park Campus. The Xfinity Center is located on Terrapin Trail, College Park, MD 20742 http://www.umterps.com/travel/comcast-directions.html
Time	9:00 a.m.
Attire for Graduation	Black shoes (men and women)
MEN	White shirts and dark ties
WOMEN	Dark dresses or skirt and blouse. No pants

BEFORE GRADUATION DAY

Student Clearance Process	There will not be a final clearance letter sent to your BSU email. Instead you will check your status by going to GRADUATION STATUS in Bulldog connection . Once you see that your status has changed to APPROVED , proceed to the Bookstore for regalia and Auxiliary Services for your tickets. Students must be ACADEMICALLY and FINANCIALLY cleared to participate in the ceremony.
Tickets	TBA
Rehearsal (Mandatory)	MLK Myers Auditorium Date: Friday, May 22, 2015 Time: 4 p.m. Bring your cap and hood *Bookstore will suspend regalia distribution during rehearsal.
Graduation Reception (Immediately Following Rehearsal)	Information on graduation Reception can be found at http://www.bowiestate.edu/commencement/

ON GRADUATION DAY

Assembly Area for Graduates	Xfinity Center <u>No Family Members in Staging Areas</u>
Assembly Time	7:45 a.m.
Honor Cords Latin Honors	Distributed at check- in at the assembly area Eligible first time undergraduates only 3.50 GPA – 4.00 GPA
Academic Recognition	60 credits or more at BSU 30-59 credits at BSU with GPA 3.50 or higher
Official Name Cards	Distributed at check- in at the assembly area
Processional	8:40 a.m.
Program Booklets	In the Seats
Photographs- Professional Photographer	DO NOT STOP ON THE STAGE TO POSE FOR PICTURES
Diplomas	At the completion of the ceremony diplomas will be distributed at the Xfinity Center, in the same area where you assembled to check in.