



## MAY 2015 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

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

### BEFORE GRADUATION DAY

<b>Student Clearance Process</b>	There <b>will not</b> be a final clearance letter sent to your BSU email. Instead you will check your status by going to <b>GRADUATION STATUS in Bulldog connection</b> . Once you see that your status has changed to <b>APPROVED</b> , proceed to the Bookstore for regalia and Auxiliary Services for your tickets. Students must be <b>ACADEMICALLY</b> and <b>FINANCIALLY</b> cleared to participate in the ceremony.
<b>Tickets</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Rehearsal (Mandatory)</b>	MLK Myers Auditorium Date: Friday, May 22, 2015 Time: 4 p.m. Bring your cap and hood *Bookstore will suspend regalia distribution during rehearsal.
<b>Graduation Reception</b> (Immediately Following Rehearsal)	Information on graduation Reception can be found at <a href="http://www.bowiestate.edu/commencement/">http://www.bowiestate.edu/commencement/</a>

### ON GRADUATION DAY

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