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Dear Degree Candidate:

This is an official notice regarding activities for December 2016 graduation. Please read the following information carefully and keep this notice for future reference. To view the schedule for commencement ceremonies and when degree candidates need to arrive, please go to the [Registrar's website](#). Signs posted at the graduation ceremony locations will direct graduates to the appropriate entrance and to the assembly area for the processional.

As a courtesy to your fellow graduates, please participate in the entire ceremony. Each ceremony is expected to last approximately two and a half hours. **Any graduate who leaves the ceremony early will have to leave his or her diploma with an usher at the exit doors. If the graduate does not return to the ceremony, the diploma must be picked up at the Registrar's Office beginning Wednesday January 4, 2017. These diplomas will not be mailed. No exceptions will be made.**

All graduates who walk the stage must wear the appropriate commencement attire and are required to wear the TAMU regalia for the degree they will be awarded. Information regarding regalia is available on the [graduation website](#).

Undergraduate candidates who desire to wear the cadet uniform for graduation should report to the Office of the Assistant Commandant for Operations & Training in the Stephen Ash Leadership Learning Center (LLC) on the northeast corner of Corps Quadrangle between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm to obtain a letter of authorization to wear, and permission to rent, the uniform. Students renting a cadet uniform must have completed their corps career in good standing, have a regulation haircut, and present proper military appearance to receive a letter. Rented uniforms must be obtained from the Military Property Warehouse between December 5th and 14th, 2016. Candidates will use the TAMU purchasing system, [Market Place](#), to pay the rental fee. A confirmation print-out of the fee payment must be presented at the Warehouse to receive the uniform.

Graduation ceremony locations are ADA compliant. Reserved seating for mobility-impaired patrons is available. Saving seats inside ceremony locations is not permitted. All seating, including mobility-impaired seating, is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information regarding seating at Reed Arena, guests may refer to <https://reed-dev.tamu.edu/>.

Handicapped parking is available with the appropriate parking permit. For Texas A&M University main campus parking questions, please contact Transportation Services at 979-862-7272 (PARK).

Degree candidates needing access accommodations, or who plan to participate in the ceremony with a service animal, should contact [Laura Heard](#) at (979) 845-1059 no later than December 9, 2016 in order to provide adequate time to make necessary accommodations before your ceremony.

Other questions regarding commencement ceremonies should be directed to the Office of the Registrar, (979) 845-1089 or to graduation@tamu.edu.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Venesa A. Heidick
Registrar