



COMMENCEMENT 2017

JUNE 16, 2017

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Programs

PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WILL BE FOUND ON YOUR CHAIR WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE CEREMONY AREA. Please do not carry a program or other items in the procession; also, please leave your program on your chair when you go to the platform to receive your degree.

Processional

KNOW THE NUMBER OF THE ROW YOU ARE IN AND CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ENTER THAT ROW IN THE SEATING AREA. YOUR CHAIR WILL HAVE A CARD ON IT WITH YOUR NAME.

REMAIN STANDING WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR CHAIR UNTIL DR. DAVID LEE ASKS THE AUDIENCE TO BE SEATED.

Ceremony

After the opening remarks, Commencement address by Mae Jemison, Glee Club musical interlude, and the awarding of the Bachelor's degrees, DEAN REES will come to the microphone and say:

"Candidates for the degree of Master of Science."

ALL MASTER'S CANDIDATES SHOULD RISE AND STAND IN PLACE.

Dean Rees will then say:

"Mr. President, I present these candidates who have fulfilled all requirements for the degree of Master of Science. In addition, I present those in absentia whose names, appearing in the program, will not be read."

President Rosenbaum will reply:

"By the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of the California Institute of Technology, I confer upon you the degree of Master of Science and admit you to all its rights, privileges, and responsibilities."

Master's candidates then march to the east side of the steps, row after row, single file. The line stops at the top step. When your name is read by Dean Rees, you advance to the platform level, take your diploma from President Rosenbaum in your left hand, shake hands with President Rosenbaum with your right hand, go down the west side of the steps, stop on the footprints for the photographer, and return to your seat and sit down immediately.

THE NEXT CANDIDATE IN LINE SHOULD COME TO A PAUSE ON THE TOP STEP AND NOT ADVANCE UNTIL DEAN REES READS THE CANDIDATE'S NAME.

Ph.D. degrees will then be awarded. President Rosenbaum will offer concluding remarks, and the Glee Clubs will sing the Alma Mater.

Recessional

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ALMA MATER, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING IN FRONT OF YOUR CHAIR until the Platform Party has marched out of the Ceremony area. THERE IS NO RECESSIONAL FOR GRADUATES.