



COMMENCEMENT 2017

JUNE 16, 2017

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR Ph.D. 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 and Master's degrees, DEAN REES will come to the microphone and say:

"Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy."

ALL Ph.D. CANDIDATES SHOULD RISE AND STAND IN PLACE.

Dean Rees will then say:

"For not fewer than three years of graduate residence, these candidates have made advanced studies and independent original investigations. These candidates, by passing a final oral examination and presenting the results of their research in a thesis, have satisfied the Faculty that they have met all the requirements for the doctorate at the California Institute of Technology. Mr. President, I present these candidates, and those in absentia whose names appear in the program but will not be read, for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy."

President Rosenbaum will reply:

"You have completed the highest degree awarded by this Institute. Therefore, by the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of the California Institute of Technology, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and admit you to all its rights, privileges, and responsibilities. I commend you on your high accomplishment and welcome you to the company of scholars."

Ph.D. DEGREES WILL BE AWARDED BY DIVISION – IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Biology and Biological Engineering (Dr. Mayo)
2. Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (Dr. Barton)
3. Engineering and Applied Science (Dr. Ravichandran)
4. Geological and Planetary Sciences (Dr. Grotzinger)
5. Humanities and Social Sciences (Dr. Weinstein)
6. Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy (Dr. Harrison)

(continued on reverse)

ALL Ph.D. CANDIDATES MARCH TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE STEPS, ALPHABETICALLY IN ORDER BY DIVISION. EACH CANDIDATE WILL PROCEED TO DR. KATHERYN McANULTY AND EXTEND THEIR LEFT ARM. DR. McANULTY WILL DRAPE THE HOOD OVER THE CANDIDATE'S LEFT ARM. PROCEED AND STOP AT THE TOP STEP. WHEN THE DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE READS YOUR NAME, YOU SHOULD:

1. Advance to the Division Chair and shake hands with your RIGHT hand.
2. Step to Dr. David Lee and hand him your hood.
3. Turn and face the audience.
4. Take off your cap with your right hand.
5. After the hood is placed on you by Dr. David Lee, replace your cap.
6. Turn and face President Rosenbaum and receive your diploma in your LEFT hand.
7. Shake hands with President Rosenbaum with your RIGHT hand.
8. Move across the platform, down the west side of the steps, stop on the footprints for the photographer, and return to your seat.
9. Sit down immediately.

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

President Rosebaum will then 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.

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