Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Your cap/gown/tassel is included in your graduation fees.

The graduation ceremony will take place at the Finis Horne Arena on Wednesday, May 4th at either 10:00AM or 2:00PM depending on your academic college.

Below is a checklist to help your day go smoothly.

Students with financial obligations will not be able to participate in the commencement ceremony or receive their diploma.

☐ TICKETS

8 ceremony tickets will be available to each candidate for pickup from Monday April 11th – Friday, April 22nd in the Registrar's Office. Every guest must have a ticket to enter the arena (including small children and infants).

☐ LOOK THE PART

Men are asked to wear white shirts, dark ties, and dark shoes. Women are asked to wear dark shoes, dark clothes, and conservative jewelry. Please do not wear flip-flops or chew gum.

All graduates must be in a Lander University issued cap and gown to participate in Commencement. The tassel should be on the right side of the cap prior to the ceremony; it will be moved to the left side during the ceremony as directed.

Please do not bring any personal belongings with you to the gym. We recommend that you leave these with family members or friends in the general admission area.

☐ USE A CLEAR BAG

Lander University will be enforcing a clear bag policy for the commencement ceremony. Guests will be allowed to bring in one clear backpack or bag, subject to search. Clutches are not permitted inside of the arena for the commencement ceremony. Exceptions will be made for guests with medically necessary items.

☐ GUESTS ARRIVE ON CAMPUS

Parking is available in campus lots and is first come, first served. A Lander University map is available online. The arena doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. ceremony and will open at 1:00 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. ceremony.

Entrance to the arena will be closed 15 minutes before each ceremony. Late arrivers will be asked to watch the ceremony in the Cultural Center Auditorium and tickets are not required.

Handicapped guests are encouraged to arrive early to be seated. These guests can be dropped off at the circular drive close to the arena entrance.

☐ GRADUATES ARRIVE

Graduates of the College of Business, and College of Science & Mathematics, and School of Nursing will attend the 10:00 a.m. ceremony and should arrive in the PEES auxiliary gym at 8:45 a.m.. At approximately 9:30 a.m., special instructions and the formation of the procession line will begin.

Graduates of the College of Arts & Humanities, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, College of Education, and IDS Majors will attend the 2:00 p.m. ceremony and should arrive in the PEES auxiliary gym at 12:45 p.m. At approximately 1:30 p.m., special instructions and the formation of the procession line will begin.

Parents and guests will not be allowed to enter the PEES Complex. There will be tables set up where you will receive a name card and any honors regalia.

☐ GET SNAPPED

Commencement photography is provided by Grad Images. Photographers will be taking photographs during the ceremony. Grad Images will email graduates after the ceremony with information about how to obtain their photos.

☐ KEEP WALKING

You will receive a diploma cover as you cross the stage. Receive the diploma with your left hand.

Guests are asked to give a polite applause as each student crosses the stage, so all students' names can be heard. We ask that guests refrain from shouting out names or other forms of boisterous behavior until the end of the ceremony.

☐ DIPLOMA INFORMATION

Diplomas will be available for pickup in the Registrar's Office from May 16th – May 31st. Please be sure to bring a photo ID when picking up your diploma. Diplomas will not be released to anyone other than the student. Any diplomas that were not picked up will be mailed on June 1st.

☐ STAY CONNECTED

☐ Visit the Commencement website for complete information about graduation.

☐ Follow Lander on Facebook.

☐ Join the Lander Alumni Association and stay in touch!