



## 2017 Diploma Ceremony Student Information

### SUNDAY MAY 7, 2017

#### Master's Graduates Schedule

Masters' graduates will report to Emory Conference Center Hotel (Peachtree Creek room) at 2:30 pm for line up to proceed to the Silver Bell Pavilion where the Ceremony will be held at 3:30 pm.

After the ceremony, you will be lead to a celebratory reception in Lullwater Ballroom for graduates, faculty, family, and friends. It will include ample food and beverages. Please join us!

### MONDAY MAY 8, 2017

#### The All-Schools Ceremony (Quadrangle)

As a graduate of the Laney Graduate School, you should gather with your class behind Bowden Hall by the Mizell Steps at **8:15 am**. Faculty marshals will guide you in forming a single line for the procession. You will enter the Quadrangle with the schools of Public Health and Law to your right. Please do not bring any alcoholic beverages to the ceremony.

At exactly **9:00 am**, the Chief Marshal of the University will give a nod to the Pipe Major, the pipe and drum corps will strike up the "Emory and Old Saint Andrews March," and the procession will get underway. Graduates will enter the Quadrangle from seven different staging areas, followed by the faculty of the University and the Platform Party, including President Sterk, the commencement speaker, honorary degree recipients, deans, and members of the Board of Trustees. The rule of thumb for marching in the procession is simply to take the place assigned to you by a marshal and follow the person in front of you. Please do not skip seats. You will find a commencement program on your chair.

The all-schools ceremony will include the commencement address; awarding of honorary degrees and the Brittain, Scholar/Teacher, and Jefferson awards; and conferring of degrees en masse.

Following the all-schools ceremony, faculty marshals will lead you and your fellow doctoral graduates to the Mizell Bridge. See below for further instructions.

#### Doctoral Graduates Schedule

After the all-schools ceremony, Laney Graduate School graduates and faculty advisors will line up on the Mizell Bridge in two parallel lines: one for graduates (In Alpha Order by Last Name, and by numbers on cards we will provide) and one for faculty advisors. Laney Graduate School staff and Faculty Marshalls will line you up to enter the ceremony in the right order. *If you plan*

*to attend only the Laney Graduate School Diploma Ceremony be on the Mizell Bridge at **10:15 am**, sharp for line-up. You must be in line by **11:00am** in order to participate in ceremony.*

Once graduates and faculty advisors are lined up, Faculty Marshalls will lead graduates and faculty advisors into the Emerson Concert Hall in the Schwartz Center. The Laney Graduate School Diploma Ceremony will start at **11:30 am**, and will move quickly. Graduates will be seated on the stage. (*Please be careful with items you take on stage because after receiving your diploma, you will return to a different seat*). As part of the ceremony, doctoral graduates will be “hooded” – Provost Zola and each graduate’s faculty advisor will place the hood signifying a doctoral degree over the graduate’s shoulders with all three facing the audience for hooding photo.

### **Inclement Weather Instructions**

If the weather forecast calls for rain on Sunday night or Monday morning, *please* check the university website ([www.emory.edu](http://www.emory.edu)) or the weather hotline at 404-727-1234 after 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening so that you will know when/where to arrive on Monday morning.

Master recipients should not report to campus.

**The Doctoral Diploma Ceremony** will take place in Emerson Concert Hall of the Schwartz Center at **9:00 am** and will include a remnant of the all-schools ceremony - the commencement address and the awarding of the honorary. Doctoral graduates and their advisers will gather in the Tharp Rehearsal Hall of the Schwartz Center, room 202, by **8:30 am**. Entrance to the rehearsal hall is from the courtyard of the Business School, behind the Schwartz Center. The ceremony will proceed exactly as set forth in the printed program.