

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on the completion of this stage of your education. Graduation is a special time—for you, your family, and your friends. This letter provides you with the information you need to know concerning graduation. You should keep it for future reference. The Teachers College commencement ceremony will be held at the Fine Arts Terrace on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at approximately 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

There are two commencement ceremonies. The first ceremony, the main commencement ceremony, is for all May 2013 graduates. It is held on the Fine Arts Terrace beginning at 10 a.m. Graduates should report to the area near the West Quad building at 9:15 a.m. and look for the signs designating the Teachers College line-up area. It is during this main commencement ceremony that honorary degrees are awarded, and President Gora “presents” candidates for graduation. The main commencement ceremony usually lasts about an hour. You do not receive your diploma cover during this ceremony. Your diploma cover will be awarded to you when you cross the platform during the Teachers College commencement ceremony.

Following the completion of the main commencement ceremony, faculty and students from Teachers College will remain in the Fine Arts Terrace area—weather permitting. You will line up on the south side of the quad according to the degree you will receive, and the processional will start at approximately 12 p.m. The Teachers College commencement ceremony usually lasts about one hour.

**Should the main ceremony be changed due to inclement weather, it will be announced on local radio stations after 8 a.m. Saturday morning. General information about commencement can be found at <http://www.bsu.edu/commencement>. If inclement weather should force the cancellation of the main commencement ceremony on the Fine Arts Terrace, the main ceremony will move to Worthen Arena at 10 a.m. with limited seating. Undergraduate and master’s degree students will enter Worthen Arena through upper level gates 1 and 2 starting at 9 a.m. and proceed to aisles 4, 5, and 6 and be seated per instructions by signs and arena workers. Doctoral and specialist in education degree candidates, will report to lower gate 1 by the Worthen Arena ticket office at 9 a.m. to meet his or her faculty advisor and line up for the processional into the arena at 9:45 a.m. The Teachers College ceremony begins at 3 p.m. Graduates should report directly to the Field Sports Building through the lower level, west end door off of McKinley Avenue and meet at the racquetball courts to line up, no later than 2:30 p.m. Shuttle services will be available to transport graduates and their families to the college sites. Parking will be available in the lots around Worthen Arena, LaFollotte Complex, and the College of Architecture and Planning as well as North Parking Garage (Emens) and McKinley Avenue parking garages.**

You will need to stop by the Teachers College Deans Office at our temporary location in the Arts and Communication building, Room 410 and pick up your reader card. It is very important that you complete the name card and bring it with you to the ceremony. Because this is the card from which your name will be read, you should also print your name phonetically if you feel it will be helpful. Please pick the card up before Friday, May 3. During the Teachers College commencement ceremony, each graduate will proceed across the stage when his or her name is read. For your information, there will also be a photographer present to take your picture as you are handed your diploma cover.

Students who have either an undergraduate or graduate major housed in Teachers College participate in our collegiate graduation ceremony. Students who have prepared to teach at the secondary level (those with teaching majors in various disciplines) may participate in the Teachers College ceremony or in the ceremony of the college in which their discipline is located.

On behalf of the faculty, I extend a warm invitation for you to join us.

Sincerely,



John E. Jacobson  
Dean