

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
2008 Commencement
Wednesday, May 21, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
IZOD Center (Arena) - The Meadowlands Sports Complex
50 State Route 120, East Rutherford, NJ 07073

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Directions to the IZOD Center are attached. Parking is available in the parking deck and surface parking lots 21 and 26.

The doors will open for students and guests at 9:00 a.m. Graduates are to report to the Center no later than 9:15 a.m. Please bring your academic attire.

Students only should enter via the Box Office entrance (Ticket Sales & Center Offices) located directly across from the parking deck and proceed to the lower level. *Guests **will not** be permitted to enter at this location, and should enter via Gates A or B.*

Upon arrival, please proceed to the lower level and the floor of the arena to your School's assigned seating area. A member of your Registrar's or Student Affairs' office staff will give you an orange index card with your name on it – **hold onto this card**, it will be used by the name reader to announce your name as you cross the stage. The first graduate in each degree program group will also be given a blue index card noting the degree; the name reader will use this card to announce your degree. (Note, the information you provide on the card is also used by the photographer to help identify you when preparing your pictures.)

ORDER OF EXERCISE

When your School is called, please remain in order. You will approach the stage using the steps on the RIGHT SIDE of the stage. You should not carry anything (i.e. programs, flowers, purse, etc.). Hand the orange index card with your name on it to the name reader, (if you are also holding a blue index card indicating your degree group, hand that to the name reader as well), and move to the center stage, where you will receive your diploma cover from Dr. Owen. Proceed across the stage, shake hands with your Dean, and return to your seat using the steps opposite from where you entered the stage.

RECESSIONAL/RETURN OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE/DIPLOMA PICK-UP

You should remain in your seat until the ceremony has concluded and the recessional is complete. Immediately following the recessional, you must return your cap, gown and hood to your School's academic attire return station on the lower level of the arena. Your School's attire return and diploma pick-up area will be marked with signs.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE MUST BE RETURNED THE DAY OF COMMENCEMENT.

Please note: Given space constraints and the flow of traffic, *your guests **cannot** accompany you* to the attire return/diploma pick-up area. Please make arrangements to *meet outside* AFTER you return your attire and pick-up your diploma.

OTHER NOTES

1. Refreshment stands will be open. No food or beverages may be taken into the student seating area.
2. Graduates with problems with their academic attire on Commencement day should proceed to the student academic attire exchange area on the lower level.
3. Information booths will be set up near entrances to the Center.
4. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 1:00 p.m.
5. There is no place to leave extra articles of clothing or valuables. Please arrange to leave them with relatives or friends before the ceremony.
6. You will be photographed twice on stage. The first time will occur as you receive your diploma cover and the second time as you come down the stairs. Information regarding purchase will be sent to you from the photography firm by mail. Additionally, you may wish to take your own photographs with family and friends *prior to the ceremony and before entering* the IZOD Center since you will be returning your academic attire immediately following the ceremony.
7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED INSIDE THE IZOD CENTER. ANY SUCH BEVERAGES WILL BE CONFISCATED.
8. The IZOD Center has very specific rules regarding tailgate parties. For complete information about the IZOD Center rules, regulations and services, go to <http://www.meadowlands.com/> and click on "Venue Information," then click on "IZOD Center," then click on "Fan Information."

CONGRATULATIONS AND HAVE A NICE DAY!