Dear School of Music Student:

Based on the number of credit hours completed, you may be eligible to participate in the May 2019 university-wide Commencement ceremony as well as School of Music Convocation. If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact Ellen Marr (undergraduate students) or Jenny Phillips (graduate students).

**University-wide Commencement**

The university-wide Commencement ceremony is Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 9:30 AM, Memorial Stadium. This ceremony is the official University of Illinois academic ceremony at which the Chancellor presides and the President confers degrees. Tickets are required for Commencement; however, you may request an unlimited number. The deadline to register to participate is April 24; click here to register.

Detailed information on the university-wide Commencement ceremony can be found at: http://www.commencement.illinois.edu/index.html.

Students with disabilities who require special assistance to fully participate in Commencement events may contact the Committee on Commencement at (217) 333-8834 or commencement@illinois.edu.

**School of Music Convocation**

In addition to the university-wide Commencement, the School of Music will host a separate Convocation ceremony on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 1 PM, Smith Memorial Hall. All graduates’ names are read at this ceremony, and graduate degree recipients are hooded. This event does not require tickets; however, registration is required. The deadline to register to participate is April 24; click here to register.

Detailed information on the School of Music Convocation ceremony can be found at: https://music.illinois.edu/doctoral-hooding-commencement-and-convocation-ceremonies.

**Ordering Academic Attire**

A cap and gown are required for participation in Commencement and Convocation exercises. Herff Jones has been contracted to provide custom rental academic attire for all graduates. Bachelor attire consists of a mortarboard, gown, tassel, and stole. Artist Diploma, Master’s, DMA, and PhD candidates get a hood instead of a stole.

Students must place an order to rent their academic regalia by April 11 9:59 PM. To rent a cap and gown, go to: http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/illinois/.
Hotel Location Service

Most hotels begin taking reservations for Commencement Weekend very early and may already be filled in the Champaign-Urbana area. However, the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau website http://www.visitchampaigncountry.org may be able to assist you with finding accommodations.

Warmest congratulations on your academic achievement. We look forward to your participation in 2019 Commencement Weekend!

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Gavel & Jenny Phillips
School of Music Convocation Coordinators