That’s right! Only two weeks until Commencement. Can you believe how quickly the time has gone?

This week’s UH Grad Chronicle is a little longer than normal but it contains very important information pertaining to the Commencement celebration to be held on Friday, May 15, at TDECU Stadium. Please read it carefully as it addresses many of the questions we have been getting.

We have also teamed up with the awesome people in Streaming Media and Video Production Services to produce a short video which will help you be better prepared for Commencement. Be sure to watch it AFTER you read this message – it will make more sense if you do it this way.

All graduates participating in the Commencement celebration at TDECU Stadium are to report to their designated robing areas by 4:30 p.m.

- **BACHELOR CANDIDATES**: Meet at Yeoman Fieldhouse located inside the Athletics/Alumni Building.
- **MASTER CANDIDATES**: Meet on the Concourse of Hofheinz Pavilion. Enter the building through the Cullen Boulevard doors.
- **DOCTORAL CANDIDATES**: Meet in Sanders Hall located on the eastside of TDECU Stadium (facing Cullen Boulevard). Entrance will be by Gate 1.

You will be instructed on when to line-up and how the Parade of Graduates will work by college commencement coordinators and members of the UH “Spirit of Houston” Cougar Marching Band who will be leading you into the stadium.

All graduates are expected to wear their regalia. New robes have been designed for the ceremony this year. No previous years’ regalia is permitted. If you still haven’t purchased your regalia, contact the UH Bookstore ASAP.

Have your family and friends go directly to the stadium to find their seats – do not bring them with you to the robing areas.

There will be no security in the robing areas after we begin the Parade of Graduates, so please do not leave anything. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Give your things to your family and they can take care of them for you.
We have arranged for shuttles to work the outlying parking lots on the eastside of campus. Please let your guests know that no matter where they end up parking they will have to walk at least part of the way. **Sensible shoes are highly recommended!**

Be sure to eat something before you arrive for robing. While we will have water and juice in those areas for the graduates, there will be no access to food. This is especially important for those of you with medical issues. Please take care of yourselves and come prepared.

As a reminder, the Commencement celebration schedule is below. Share this with your guests – they won’t want to miss a minute of it!

- **4:30 p.m.** Stadium gates open
- **5:00 p.m.** Moores School of Music Concert and Program
- **6:00 p.m.** Parade of Graduates starts
- **7:00 p.m.** Commencement ceremony begins

The concession stands will be open at TDECU Stadium for your family and guests. They will be set up to accept cash and credit cards and will offer water, soft drinks, hot dogs, deli sandwiches, pretzels, candy and chips.

Watch the video – 2015 Commencement Parade of Graduates – Safety Video (www.uh.edu/commencement/safety-video). Although it only mentions Bachelor candidates specifically, the information is for **all** graduates.

We are finalizing the parking and traffic management plans. Details about that will be in next week’s Chronicle. Stay tuned.

Continue to stay informed! Remember to read the UH Grad Chronicle and visit the Commencement website – www.uh.edu/commencement – for current information on all things “Commencement”.

**Until next week!**

*The Grad Squad*