



November 5, 2018

Dear Graduate Student:

Congratulations! By the end of this semester, you will have reached a milestone in your graduate education by completing your program and pending final grades, earning your degree. To recognize the hard work that goes into the achievement of a Master's, Specialist in Education, or Doctoral Degree, Columbus State University is celebrating your achievements through the inaugural Graduate Hooding Ceremony on Thursday, December 13, 2018. The Graduate Hooding Ceremony honors the scholarly and the personal achievements of the candidates for graduation who have completed their advanced degree requirements. **A hooding ceremony does not replace commencement exercises, but rather, complements commencement with a more intimate celebration.**

The Graduate Hooding Ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. in University Hall. All graduate students involved in the ceremony should assemble no later than 5:30 p.m. in Davidson Student Center Lounge. Graduates should wear their full graduation regalia (cap, gown and tassel). They should also bring their hoods, which will be placed on them as part of the ceremony.

A reception will be held in Davidson Student Center Lounge immediately after the ceremony, and all Hooding recipients and their guests are encouraged to attend.

Members of the Columbus State University faculty and staff look forward to joining you and wishing you well on this momentous occasion. To assist us in planning this celebration, please RSVP by December 3, 2018 at <https://goo.gl/forms/18Sf7PnSLsW9JkLB3>. You must use your CSU email to complete the RSVP form. Additional information on the Graduate Hooding Ceremony will also be placed on the CSU Commencement website at <https://graduation.columbusstate.edu/>.

Best regards,

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