To our 2018 Graduate Degree Candidates:

Congratulations on your approaching graduation! The Graduate Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018. This letter provides information to assist with your commencement planning. Additional information is on the Commencement website. Especially important is the Commencement Participation Form – please tell us whether you plan to attend the commencement ceremony!

Here is the most important information that graduate degree candidates need to know:

- **Thursday, April 12:** The "Salute to the Class of 2018" will be held in the Bookstore from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. All students must order their academic regalia on-line, and orders must be placed by March 27. If you do not order by this deadline, your regalia will not be ready for pick-up on April 12. You pay when you pick-up your regalia at the bookstore, and you may be picked-up your regalia any time after April 12.

- **Thursday, May 10:** The Graduate Commencement Ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the Quad. Student line-up will begin at 3:30 p.m. we will notify you of the exact line-up location.

- **Friday, May 11:** The ROTC Joint Commissioning Ceremony will be held at 12:00 p.m. on the Quad. All students are invited to attend this ceremony, marking a significant time in the life of your fellow students, as they are awarded their formal commission to the U.S. Military. Reservations are not needed – graduate students are welcome to attend.

- **Friday, May 12:** The Baccalaureate Ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the Quad. The Baccalaureate program is planned by seniors and involves speeches and musical performances that reflect on their experiences as a WPI student. This program typically lasts 60 minutes. Many students and families go to dinner afterwards. Graduate students are welcome to attend this program.

Family members who cannot travel will be able to watch all Commencement Weekend Events via live streaming media. A link will be posted on the Commencement webpage. Auxiliary seating will be available on-campus so that guests can sit indoors and view the Commencement Ceremony as it occurs.

Visit the Commencement web-site for much more information on this important event!

Sincerely,

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Commencement Weekend Administrative Marshalls

**Please Note:** This letter is sent to all degree candidates. (Degree candidates are students expected to graduate upon successful completion of all degree requirements.) This is not an official notice that you will graduate.