To our 2017 Graduate Degree Candidates:

Congratulations on your approaching graduation! The Graduate Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017. This letter provides some basic information to assist you in making plans to participate in this monumental event. Additional information is on the Commencement website. Especially important is the Commencement Participation Form — please tell us whether you plan to attend commencement!

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

- **Wednesday, March 22:** The "Salute to the Class of 2017" will be held in the Barnes and Noble Bookstore from 11:00 to 5:30. At this event you can purchase your regalia, class rings, announcements, etc. All students must order their academic regalia on-line. Orders must be placed by March 1 in order to pick-up regalia at the Salute to the Class of 2017 on March 22. You may pay when you pick-up your regalia at the bookstore.

- **Tuesday, May 9:** Graduate commencement rehearsal will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Harrington Auditorium.

- **Thursday, May 11:** 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. A reception will follow the ceremony.

- **Friday, May 12:** 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. The presiding officer will be XXXX. 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 graduating seniors providing speeches that reflect on their experiences as a WPI student. Additionally, the program includes a special guest keynote speaker and musical performances by graduating seniors. 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 the 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 on closed-circuit television.

Visit the Commencement website 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.