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Hi Everyone,
I am writing with a few updates on Commencement Planning to keep us on track as we head for May 21.

Regalia

Orders are shipping this week so watch for the regalia you ordered to be delivered to your Given mailbox or to the address you provided. Please open the package to confirm you received everything, and hang it up now so the wrinkles fall out naturally and don't need to be steamed.

Tickets

Each graduate will receive **6 tickets** for family and friends. You do not need one for yourself. They will be released within the next 2 weeks, when you will receive an email to your UVM account with instructions for logging in and claiming your tickets. We will also send instructions about entering the wait list if you have more than 6 guests. At the close of the ticketing (about 2 weeks ahead of graduation) unclaimed tickets will be released back into the system and we will fulfill as much of the wait list as we can. However, if you have more than 6 guests please plan for them to be in overflow space in the Ira Allen Theatre.

Hooding

At the Ceremony, when your name is called you will ascend the steps and the first stop on stage is hooding, where you will receive the green hood as part of your formal welcome into the medical profession. Drs. Christa Zehle and Tania Bertsch will have the honor of hooding the graduates this year. You also have the option to invite a guest to perform your hooding, as long as they fall into one of these categories:

- Faculty of the UVM College of Medicine (including Emeriti Faculty)
- Alumni of the UVM College of Medicine
- Faculty of UVM who hold a PhD or terminal degree in their field
- PhD alumni of UVM (in any field))

If you would like to invite a family member, mentor, or other person to serve as a guest hooder, please do so promptly so they can plan to be at Ira Allen Chapel the afternoon of Sunday, May 21. Hooders must wear regalia and arrive ahead of time to walk in and be seated with the faculty in during the Commencement Ceremony. Then, as your row stands to line up in preparation for your name to be called, your guest hooder will join you in line and ascend the stairs with you to perform the hooding. Afterward, they will retake their seat in the faculty section and recess with that group at the close of the Ceremony. If you have a guest hooder, we will announce their name as part of your introduction so **please email me the name and email contact information of your guest hooder by Monday, April 24** so that I can confirm the details with them directly.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and stay tuned for additional Commencement details coming soon. You can also visit the [Commencement website](#) for updates.

Best,

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