

# South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

## Spring Commencement 2021

### **PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT**

#### **Commencement Regalia:**

If you have not already done so, you must place your required regalia rental order with the Rocker Shop immediately! You may stop by the store to do so or you can use this link: <https://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/order-regalia>

Rental price for AA and BS graduates for May 2021 is \$34.99 + tax. Rental regalia must be picked up no later than Friday, May 7th at 4:30 p.m. You may also order announcements and diploma frames from the Rocker Shop at [www.hardrockershop.com](http://www.hardrockershop.com).

#### **Disability Accommodations:**

If you require disability accommodations for yourself, it is imperative that you let [Amanda Lopez](#), ADA Coordinator know by April 16, 2021. Handicap accessible seating is available for guests in the Barnett Arena.

#### **Alumni Open House:**

The Alumni Relations Office invites you to the Spring Alumni Welcome Reception. Join us for dinner and the chance to win prizes in the Surbeck Ballroom on April 26 and April 30 at 5:30 PM. Business casual attire is required. RSVP is required. [Click here](#) to register for dinner on April 26 and [click here](#) to register for dinner on April 30. Questions, email [sarah.voneye@sdsmt.edu](mailto:sarah.voneye@sdsmt.edu)

The Alumni Relations Office is also hosting a new series called "Moving To...". The Series will feature local area alumni at different cities Tuesdays at 5:30 PM via Zoom. This is a great way to connect with other alumni and graduating students who are interested in moving to the area. Alumni will be able to answer questions you might have about moving to the area such as places to live, eat, companies in the area and alumni events. Click the links below to register. Questions, email [sarah.voneye@sdsmt.edu](mailto:sarah.voneye@sdsmt.edu)

Tuesday, March 30 @ 5:30 PM – Moving to Denver. [Click here](#) to register

Tuesday, April 6 @ 5:30 PM – Moving to Sioux Falls. [Click here](#) to register

Tuesday, April 13 @ 5:30 PM – Moving to Minneapolis/St. Paul. [Click here](#) to register

Tuesday, April 20 @ 5:30 PM – Moving to Kansas City. [Click here](#) to register

#### **Commencement Etiquette:**

Out of courtesy to others, please ask guests to refrain from bringing noise making instruments to commencement.

As there is not a limit on the number of guests per graduate, all participants and their guests will be asked to wear a mask.

### **COMMENCEMENT**

- SATURDAY, May 8, 2021, RUSHMORE PLAZA CIVIC CENTER BARNETT ARENA, 444 N. Mt. Rushmore Road.
- ALL GRADUATING SENIORS SHOULD **ARRIVE BY 8:00 AM AND BE IN LINE BY 8:30 AM**
- At **9:00 am** we will proceed to the Barnett Arena in a single file line according to the order in which you will receive your diploma as listed in the program. Please note, if you are receiving two degrees you should line up in the major that appears first in the program alphabetically. Graduating students (A.A., B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.) will be seated as indicated in a future e-mail. You will be directed to the stage at the appropriate time by an usher, one row at a time.
- Your mortar board should be worn flat on your head, with the tassel on the right-hand side for associate and bachelor degree candidates. It will not be necessary to change your tassel as you go across the stage to receive your diploma cover; the President will instruct you to do so once you have received your diploma cover and all graduates have returned to their seats. Masters and Ph.D. students' tassels are always on the left-hand side. Men should remove their caps for the presentation and removal of the flags.

- Please do not leave your rental regalia in the back-stage area. The Rocker Shop will have a booth set up to check-in your regalia rental, so you can return it immediately after the ceremony. Bachelor's and master's degree candidates will need to return the gown only. Ph.D. candidates will need to return the gown as well as the Ph.D. hood.
- Lifetouch Photography will be providing photography services to the graduates. Enclosed please find a flyer with details. Photos will be online at [www.events.lifetouch.com](http://www.events.lifetouch.com) ten days after the ceremony and proofs will be mailed to you one week following the ceremony. Please note that photo ops will be somewhat limited this year due to continuing COVID physical distancing recommendations. Therefore, we strongly encourage using the Lifetouch resource for photographs of this special day.

### **FINAL CHECK-OUT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- All graduating students are responsible for completing the following steps prior to leaving the campus. Individual final transcripts and diplomas are held until all obligations are met.
- All keys that you have checked out for access to any building or room must be returned to Facilities Services. If you live in the residence halls, you must return residence hall keys to the Office of Residence Life.
- All library books and rental books must be returned.
- Any equipment, books, or other materials which you may have borrowed from a department must be returned.
- Return tablet computer and accessories to Tablet Central no later than May 7, 2021 unless other arrangements have been made with Bradley O'Brien ([bradley.obrien@sdsmt.edu](mailto:bradley.obrien@sdsmt.edu) or call 394-2215).
- Any unpaid bills due to the business office, or any other department, must be paid in full.
- The South Dakota Mines email account set up for your use while you are a student will be discontinued several months after your departure. E-mail contact information that may extend into your post-graduation activities outside of this institution will be affected. Therefore, we advise you to establish a non-Mines account as soon as possible.
- Students who may fail a course, fall short on credit hours, or receive an "I" or "IP" grade will not receive their diplomas until such time as the academic problems or deficiencies have been fulfilled.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

M-Hill is accessible (conditions permitting) by foot in order for you to take your family members to see your name on the commencement plaque. Please note that only the names of the graduating bachelor degree students are printed on the plaque.

### **CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Please complete the post-graduation survey found [here](#). All career related information collected is used for statistical purposes only. If you are still seeking employment, the Career and Professional Development Center is here to help you in your search.