



April 16, 2021

Dear Graduate Students Who Have Applied for 2021 May Graduation,

Congratulations on your anticipated graduation! Your commencement ceremony will be an impressive and unforgettable event. The Graduate School Graduation will be held outdoors on **Friday, May 21, 2021** in the **Quad** (located between Old Main and the Library) at **6:00 p.m.** Please read the following information very carefully.

Key information:

- **5:00 p.m.** report to the Main Gym in the Jones Athletic Center for preparation and instructions.
- 5:00 p.m. Entrance to the Quad opens for family and guests.
- 5:45 p.m. **Quad Entrance Closes.** All guests should be seated. Procession of graduates begins.
- During the ceremony, University marshals will lead you to the stage where your name will be announced, your hood will be draped over your shoulders; you will receive a degree cover and have a picture taken with Chancellor Cummings.
- After the ceremony, a light outdoor reception will be held for you and your guests.

Tickets, caps, gowns, and hoods.

- Students will receive eight (8) tickets. *More information forthcoming.*
- Pick up your cap, hood, and gown at the UNCP Bookstore. *Caps, hoods, and gowns will not be available after graduation.* The UNCP Bookstore is open Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00-2:00 p.m. *If you are a distance education student, contact the UNCP Bookstore at 910.521.6222 about shipping your cap, hood, gown, and tassel.*

Additional information:

Diplomas will be mailed by **July 2021** after the spring semester grades are processed and diplomas have been printed.

Candidates who are unable to participate in the ceremony may request permission to graduate *in absentia*. Attached is the *in-absentia* form that must be submitted along with a check for \$3.50 for postage by **Friday, May 7, 2021** to Ms. Christina Reeves, The Registrar's Office; UNC Pembroke, Post Office Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372.

If you have questions, contact the appropriate office. I look forward to celebrating your achievement with you at the commencement ceremony and reception.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: *In-Absentia* Form