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Dear Graduation Participants:

Graduation at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore is a solemn and formal academic occasion. We request that each graduate contribute to the dignity of the occasion by following some fundamentally simple rules. The enclosed information will assist you in meeting our expectations as related to your dress and demeanor. The required academic robe is black.

A. WOMEN ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR:

1. Black dress pumps. No open-toed shoes.
2. Black or neutral colored dress hose.
3. Black dress which does not have a high neckline or stand-up collar. It should not show above the zippered front, v-neckline on the robe.
4. No visible jewelry.
5. No flowers or other decoration on the academic robe.

B. MEN ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR:

1. Black dress shoes. No tennis shoes
2. Black dress socks
3. Black dress slacks
4. White or light-colored dress shirt
5. Dress (four-in-hand) tie. Shirt collar and tie will show above the v-neckline of the academic robe.
6. Suit coat or sport coat will not be seen under the robe and therefore is optional.
7. No visible jewelry

C. BOTH MEN AND WOMEN:

1. The mortarboard (academic hat) is to be worn with the front point over the forehead below the front hairline so that the flat board is parallel to the floor. The mortarboard is not worn on the back of the head with the board pointing upward. NO DECORATION OF ANY KIND IS TO BE PLACED ON THE MORTARBOARD.
2. Candidates for the Bachelor's degree should enter the arena with the tassel on the right, hanging near the right eye. President Bell will lead everyone in the Changing of the Tassel ceremony. Everyone will move their tassel from right to left when instructed by President Bell.

3. Candidates for the Master's degree will enter the arena with the tassel at the left front of the mortarboard, hanging near the left eye. Graduate students do not participate in the changing of the tassel ceremony.

4. Bachelor's and Master's degree recipients are requested to refrain from inappropriately celebrating (i.e., gyrating and dancing on stage, calling out names of others, loud, offensive noises and gestures, etc.) during the ceremony.

The Commencement Ceremony is a formal academic event. Graduates are expected to dress and behave in a professional manner during the ceremonies. The University reserves the right to request that unacceptable attire be removed, or to exclude from the ceremony any prospective graduate who does not meet acceptable standards of dress or conduct. Following these guidelines should ensure the best possible experience for our graduates and their guests. Your cooperation in this effort will be appreciated and the visiting public will leave with positive memories of your Commencement experience at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Additional information on commencement can be found at www.umes.edu/commencement.

Sincerely,

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