Important Spring 2024 Graduation Information – 3/28/2024

Congratulations! This is a Celebration of your Academic Success!

Ceremony Date and Times:

- Location:
 - Walter Sillers Coliseum
- Ceremony Times:
 - o Friday, May 10th
 - Time: 10:00 am Graduate candidates (all programs) and all undergraduate candidates in the College of Business and Aviation
 - Time: 2:00 pm All undergraduate candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Human Sciences, and the School of Nursing

Spring 2024 Graduation Application and Fees:

- If you missed the deadline to apply or need to make any changes to your application, contact the Registrar's Office at 662-846-4040. Anyone who has not applied for graduation, and has to contact us for a manual application will be responsible for paying the \$50 late graduation application fee.
- The graduation fee of \$50 and the late application fee of \$50, if applicable, will be applied to your student account on Monday, April 29th. Late graduation application fees are applied to any students that applied after the November 1st deadline. You can pay these fees on or after this date. All fees are payable to Delta State University, Student Business Services, Kent Wyatt Hall #131, Cleveland, MS 38733. Please include your student ID# with payments, or you can make payment through MyDSU Online Portal. Fees must be paid for you to receive your diploma and for transcripts to be released.
- If graduation requirements will not be completed by the end of the Spring 2024 semester, email the Registrar's Office (registrar@deltastate.edu) to move your application by Friday, April 26th. If your name is not removed from the graduation list by the deadline and if you do not meet graduation requirements, you will be responsible for re-applying for graduation and paying the \$50 fee again.

Immediate Next Steps:

Commencement Participation Survey

If you are going to be walking in the ceremony, you must complete the Commencement Participation survey prior to picking up your tickets. Click on the link below or scan the QR code to access the survey.

Spring 2024 Graduation Participation Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7HZWGT



• Work with your Advisor

Make sure you have been in communication with your advisor to verify you will meet graduation requirements upon successful completion of your courses this semester. If course substitutions or degree modifications are going to be made on your behalf, they should be submitted by this time. If they haven't already been submitted, follow up with your advisor to expedite the process.

• Purchase of Regalia

- You must purchase regalia from the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore (located in the Union). Students will keep their entire regalia package. You will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony unless you are wearing regalia.
- You can purchase your regalia by clicking on the following link: https://gradsupply.com/dsu/. The deadline for ordering online is 11:59 pm on Monday, April 1, 2024. After online ordering closes, you may visit the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore starting Monday, April 29th to purchase your regalia if you did not order by the deadline. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for all regalia sales after the April 1, 2024, deadline.

o Cost of regalia:

- BACHELOR PACKAGE \$53.48 incl. tax (Purchase includes cap, gown, and tassel)
- MASTER/SPECIALIST PACKAGE \$106.98 incl. tax (Purchase includes cap, gown, tassel, and hood)
- DOCTOR CANDIDATES You have the choice of the following:
 - Doctoral Cap Package \$117.68 incl. tax (Purchase includes cap, gown, hood, and tassel) or
 - Doctoral Tam Package \$181.88 incl. tax (Purchase includes a black tam w/tassel, gown, and hood)
- Prices above do not reflect the additional \$25 late fee that will be added to ALL orders placed after the April 1st deadline or the \$20 fee that will be added to SHOP-TO-HOME orders.
- All orders become non-refundable after the April 2nd refund request deadline.
- The Commencement fee of \$50 paid Online DOES NOT include regalia fees.
 Your regalia will not be ordered until payment has been received.

Regalia Distribution:

- <u>IF YOU CHOOSE IN-STORE PICK-UP:</u> Your regalia order will be ready for pick-up starting Monday, April 29, 2024, in the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore.
- <u>IF YOU CHOOSE SHIP-TO-HOME:</u> Your regalia order will be shipped to you during the week of April 17, 2024.
- IF YOU DID NOT ORDER BY THE APRIL 1, 2024, DEADLINE: You will need to visit the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore starting April 29, 2024, to purchase your regalia from a limited number of extras. A \$25 late fee will be assessed at that time.
- Questions/Concerns about regalia Please contact the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore by phone at 662-846-4640 or by email at <u>SM8031@bncollege.com</u>.

Graduation Exit Survey

The survey must be completed before picking up guest tickets. For your convenience, the survey link and QR code are listed below. If you encounter any issues with retrieving the link, please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 662-846-4053.

Spring 2024 Graduation Exit Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/78JX6KW

• Name or Address Information Changes

If you have moved or have had a legal name change since you applied for graduation, complete and return the Name/Address Change Form on our website. When completing the form, make sure to check "Yes" to having a graduation application on file. https://www.deltastate.edu/PDFFiles/Registrar/NameChangeForm 2324.pdf

Graduation Announcements

Graduation announcements may be ordered through the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore once the graduation location and ceremony times have been released.

Guest Ticket Pickup:

- Each candidate will reserve the number of guest tickets they need in the Spring 2024
 Graduation Participation Survey (see the link to the survey on the first page of this attachment). The ticket limit is 12 tickets per candidate. Please only reserve the number you will truly need as we may have to limit the number of tickets allowed based on the response.
- <u>Pickup Times</u>: Please note, candidates must pick up their guest tickets and are required to show a photo ID at the window, at the time of pickup.
 - o Monday, May 6th Thursday, May 9th, 10:00 am-4:30 pm, at the Registrar's office in Kent Wyatt Hall 152
 - o If unable to pick up your tickets before the day of Commencement, they will be available for pickup at the Walter Sillers Coliseum during student check-in.
 - Please only take the number of tickets you need for your guests. If we have extra tickets remaining, these will be made to candidates on Thursday, May 9th at 10:00 am. These will be given out one at a time on a first-come, first-served basis until all tickets have been distributed.
- <u>Seating for Wheelchair and Easy Access Guests</u>: Limited seating is available for guests in wheelchairs and guests who need easy-access seating. Easy-access seating is reserved for guests who have trouble navigating stairs. This seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Commencement Information Meetings via Zoom: Wednesday, April 24th at 10 am and 6 pm

- Zoom links to the meetings will be sent out to all candidates for graduation. There will be no inperson information meeting or practice.
- Participants who attend either one of the Commencement Information Meetings will qualify to be included in a drawing to have their graduation fee waived.