TO: All 2019 Graduating Law Students

FROM: Becky Lucas

DATE: April 23, 2019

RECEPTION
- The College of Law will host a reception/open house for you and your family at the Law Center (2nd floor atrium) on Friday, May 10th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Cookies and punch will be served.
- This is a come & go reception where families can see the College of Law (since our official ceremony is in OKC) and meet your friends, faculty, and staff.

Please RSVP at: https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9B59jt3qaXkJQZT

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COMMENCEMENT
- Students who plan to participate in the main campus Commencement exercises at 7:00 p.m., May 10th, should arrive at Gate 7– Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, 180 W. Brooks Street no later than 6:30 p.m.
- This year’s Commencement speaker is award-winning journalist, documentarian, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Soledad O’Brien.

COLLEGE OF LAW CONVOCATION
- Graduation ceremonies for the College of Law are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11th.
- Convocation will be held at the Oklahoma City Civic Center Music Hall, located at 201 N. Walker, OKC, 73102.
- Because extensive construction is ongoing around the Civic Center, you may access their web page (http://www.okcciviccenter.com/parking.php) for daily updates on the best route to take and/or place to park. Paid garage parking is available in the Arts District Garage, 431 W. Main St., and the Sheridan/Walker Garage, 501 W. Sheridan Ave.

ARRIVE, IN/WITH GRADUATION REGALIA, NO LATER THAN 9:30 A.M.
- Upon arrival at the Civic Center you should go to the North Portal.
- There will be a card, furnished by Party Pics, which you must fill out. When all students have been hooded, Meg will give the name cards to Party Pics to identify your graduation picture. Party Pics hopes to have all photos on their website by midnight Saturday.
- Once you have filled out both sides of the graduation card, form two lines for the processional march. I will be there to help you. Abbe Adams will lead one line of graduates and Meg Reeder-Cramer will lead the other. Graduates will follow the LL.M. students and Faculty, who will be lined up in the South Portal. Abbe and Meg will proceed to the stage. Students who want to sit together or follow each other when hooded should be in the same line.
The Processional will begin at 10:00 a.m. Faculty and graduates will be “piped in” by the Highlanders of Oklahoma City. The faculty will sit in rows 2 to 4, in the center aisle. Students will sit immediately behind them – starting on row 5. You will fill up alternate rows as directed by the Marshals.

Seating for family and guests will be “open” except for the center section where faculty and graduates are seated. Family and guests will be seated by ushers, on a first come-first served basis. Doors to seating will open at 9:00 a.m. Family and guests that want to sit together must come in together.

PROGRAM

- Opening remarks will be given by Dean Harroz.
- Dean Harroz will introduce the faculty.
- Dean Harroz will introduce the Guest Speaker – The Honorable Noma D. Gurich of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.
- Dean Harroz will announce Honors and Awards.
- Dean Harroz will present the Class President – Meg Reeder-Cramer - who will give a “State of the Class” presentation.
- Dean Harroz will present the Class of 2019 for hooding. The students will be asked to rise row by row and move to the stairs, which are located to your right as you face the stage. You will hand your name card to Meg - she will read your name and a photograph will be taken as you are being hooded. As soon as you have been hooded, proceed across the stage where you will be congratulated by Dean Harroz.
- Continue across the stage and down the stairs, where Party Pics will take another photo, and return to your seat.
- When most of the graduates in the first row have gone across the stage, the second row should rise and follow the first row to the right hand stairs. Then the third row should follow, and so on, until all graduates have been hooded.
- Dean Harroz will give closing remarks and invite Caitlin Royse to lead the OU Chant.
- Immediately following the OU Chant, you will be “piped out” by the Highlanders; exiting row by row as dismissed by the Marshals.

HOODING

You voted Professors Backus, Guzman, and Tabb to be your hooders. They are part of the stage party with reserved seating. All student requests for hooding from the floor will be handled on a case-by-case basis by Dean Dishman.

I will be there the morning of to ensure you have everything before the ceremony and to demonstrate how to hand your hoods to your Faculty hooder.