



August 5, 2009

Congratulations! Our records indicate that you are eligible to participate in December commencement.

We invite you to take part in the ceremonies and enjoy the events sponsored by DDP and ASWSU-DDP during graduation weekend. All students completing a degree August 2009 through December 2009 are eligible to participate in fall commencement ceremonies on the Pullman campus December 12, 2009. August and December graduates' names are included in the December commencement bulletin. Please be sure you have applied for graduation; go to online.wsu.edu/graduation for more information.

ASWSU-DDP (Associated Students of Washington State University Distance Degree Programs) student government will kick off the graduation social festivities on **Friday evening**, December 11, with a hosted reception for DDP graduates and their guests from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Lewis Alumni Centre on the Pullman campus. (See online map: www.wsu.edu/campusmap/.) Meet WSU administrators, DDP faculty, and ASWSU-DDP representatives, as well as DDP staff members and fellow DDP graduates. Please visit the ASWSU-DDP Web site (www.aswsu-ddp.wsu.edu/) for up-to-date information, including registration for the no-charge ASWSU-DDP/DDP event.

The Fall WSU commencement ceremonies will take place on **Saturday, December 12**, at the Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum as follows:

WSU Pullman Commencement (All Colleges)

No tickets required; open to the public

Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum

Saturday, December 12, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Line up begins at 9:30 a.m. (See next page for Commencement ceremony information)

It's not too early to make plans! For your convenience, we have blocked rooms at a local hotel for December 11 and 12. **Call the hotel directly as soon as possible to make your reservations; you must mention DDP to receive the special rates below.**

Hotel

Best Western University Inn

1516 Pullman Road

Moscow, ID 83843

Phone: 208-882-0550

Reservations: 800-325-8765

or www.uinnmoscow.com

DDP Rates (1- 4 people)

Friday, December 11: \$149.50

Saturday, December 12: \$149.50

(rates do not include tax)

Reservation deadline: November 8

Check-in/out Times

Check-in: 4:00 p.m.

Check-out: noon

Mark your calendars to order your cap and gown beginning October 22. Contact the Bookie at 800-937-4978; 509-332-2537 ext. 193, or supplies@mail.wsu.edu to place your order. You will need to know your head size in inches (the largest part of your head) and your height. The Bookie will ship your order to you, but if you choose to have it held for pick up, it will be available after November 25. You should plan to pick up your cap and gown prior to the ceremony, as your gown may need

pressing. **If you cannot pick up your cap and gown before the ceremony, please notify your DDP academic advisor.** The Bookie will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the day of commencement.

Commencement ceremonies will last approximately two hours. Graduates are welcome to bring as many guests as they wish. Friends and family may sit anywhere not reserved for graduates in the Coliseum, and can come and go at their leisure.

You should assemble on the paved roads east of Beasley Coliseum (North Fairway Drive and North Fairway Lane) **no later than a half hour before your ceremony takes place.** In case of inclement weather, assemble on the main concourse on the east and north sides inside the Coliseum.

At the ceremony, name cards and pencils will be placed on or under graduates' chairs. You will print your name, address and degree on this card. Please provide a phonetic spelling of your name if pronunciation might be a problem; your name will be read aloud from this card as you receive your diploma cover. Graduates receive their diplomas a few weeks after their graduation dates; as a December graduate, you will receive a diploma cover at the ceremony, but your actual diploma won't be mailed to you until the last week of February.

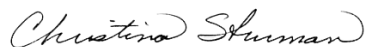
An official photographer will photograph you as you receive your diploma cover. These pictures will be available for order by mail. Only official photographers will be allowed on the floor with the graduates, but you may take personal pictures in your cap and gown before and after the ceremony. The ceremony will also be videostreamed live (www.experience.wsu.edu/) and a copy archived online, so anyone can watch the ceremony from a computer equipped with Real Player or Windows Media Player. (A link to system requirements and videostreaming help is provided on the Experience.WSU Web site.)

Special Notes: University commencement guests who have a disability or have difficulty walking will find easier access if they enter the Beasley Coliseum through the north entrance where there is some handicap parking and a drop off area. Limited handicapped seating is set aside in the upper portions of sections 31–33 but wheelchairs are not available. Closed circuit public address systems are available on a limited basis at the Director's Office located near section 14 in the Coliseum concourse. These ceremonies will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Disability permits are available through Parking and Transportation Services (509-335-7275; located on Colorado and D Streets), or at the WSU Visitor Center (509-335-4636; 225 North Grand Avenue, downtown Pullman).

If you will be driving, please note that on-campus parking areas are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and parking regulations are enforced at all times, especially in handicapped and service areas.

If you have any questions regarding graduation, please contact me at 800-222-4978. Also, don't forget to mention DDP if you make reservations at the Best Western University Inn. Every graduation is a wonderful event, and I hope you'll be here to make it that much more special.

Very truly yours,



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