



FRESNO STATE

Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology



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50th Annual Convocation

Friday, May 17, 2019

2:30 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.

Save Mart Center (SMC)



Convocation Schedule

- 1:00 - Reception at Conley Art
- 2:00 - Students arrive at loading dock (NE corner of SMC)
- 2:30 - Processional Begins
- 2:45 - Ceremony Begins

COMMUNICATION

It is very important students remember to check their email! Between now and May, email will be the source for the majority of information regarding graduation, such as: upcoming graduation related events, photo sessions, invitation from the Dean, updates and reminders regarding graduation ceremonies and activities, etc. Check with your major department if you are not receiving emails regarding graduation.

Students who are walking early (i.e., participating in graduation ceremony in May 2019, but not completing all graduation requirements until end of Summer or Fall 2019) will need to inform their departments to be included in the convocation program and added to the email list.

Information regarding Honor Cords will be sent out in May 2019. Please note that early walkers are not eligible for Honors Cords.

Some major departments also do graduation dinners or banquets. Information regarding those events would come directly from the department.



Message from the Dean

The Jordan College Convocation symbolizes the culmination of many years of hard work by our students. It is a time for family, friends, faculty and staff to recognize and celebrate our graduating students' successes!

Our faculty and staff, along with our University President and Provost, are looking forward to celebrating those successes with our students and want all students to enjoy their special day! Out of respect for everyone in attendance, any students who are visibly intoxicated, disruptive or uncooperative with event staff will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. All of our graduating students owe it to themselves, their peers, their families, their friends and the Jordan College faculty and staff to enjoy a safe, sober and dignified Jordan College Convocation.

The same expectations will also be in place for the Fresno State Commencement on Saturday afternoon and any other graduation events that take place. Please keep in mind that all events are alcohol and drug-free.

I sincerely hope that you will participate in this special day and allow all of us to show you our pride in your accomplishments!

Sincerely,

Sandra Witte
Dean



Requesting Accessibility Accommodations

Fresno State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please call Save Mart Center Patron Services (559.347.3400) in advance of your participation or visit. Or you may phone Fresno State Police at 559.278.3402 on the day of the event. For more information, visit the "Accessibility" portion of the website at:

www.savemartcenter.com

Additional Accessibility information can be found at:
www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/commencement/commencement-resources/accessibility.html



What should students expect on their special day?

Before the Ceremony...

Ag One Foundation Reception

The Ag One Foundation hosts a reception located on the Conley Art East Lawn Area for Jordan College graduating students, families and friends beginning at 1:00pm. The reception will have refreshments and provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to meet family and friends of our graduating students. The reception also provides great photo opportunities with faculty and staff! **Time will be tight** once the students make their way to the Save Mart Center



Arrival to the Save Mart Loading Dock

Students need to arrive at the loading dock located at the east end of the Save Mart Center **by 2:00 p.m.** They should **NOT** have their regalia (cap and gown) on. **EVERYONE** will go through a security checkpoint and be wanded prior to being let down the dock. Bags and backpacks are strongly discouraged. There will not be a secure place to store bags/purses. Time will be very tight. Please arrive on time!

During the Ceremony...

Processional **PROCESSIONAL STARTS AT 2:30PM SHARP!!!!**

Students will be lining up in the north and south tunnels of the Save Mart Center. Volunteers will be on hand to help direct students to the correct tunnel. There will be directional signs posted as well. You will be given a card and a pencil to write your name as you wish it to be announced when you walk across the stage.

Inside the tunnels will be standards with department names. Students are to gather around their departments' standard, fill out their photo card and remain with their department until the procession begins. Students are not seated alphabetically. Graduate students will lead the departments as they will be hooded first, then undergraduates will be recognized.

Department Administrative Assistants will lead their students onto the Save Mart Center floor.



Ceremony

Students will enter the Save Mart Center floor following the direction of their Department Administrative Assistant. Once at their seat, they will remain standing until asked to be seated.

The program will begin with opening remarks from the President, Provost, Dean and Associate Dean. When it is time for the students to be recognized, the Department Administrative Assistant will prompt their students to rise and walk to the stage. Follow his/her lead.

When entering the stage, stand on the 'X' and place the name card in the hand of the Marshal (card reader). As soon as the name is read, students make their way across the stage.

Graduating students will be greeted by the Dean and a candid photo will be taken. Students will make their way back to their seats through the department receiving line and will have a ceremony photo taken before returning to their seat.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will exit the arena floor up to the first level on the west end of the building to meet up with family and friends.



Graduate Hooding Ceremony

Students receiving their master degrees also participate in the convocation ceremony. Master degree students will be hooded by their department prior to the undergraduate students' names being called.



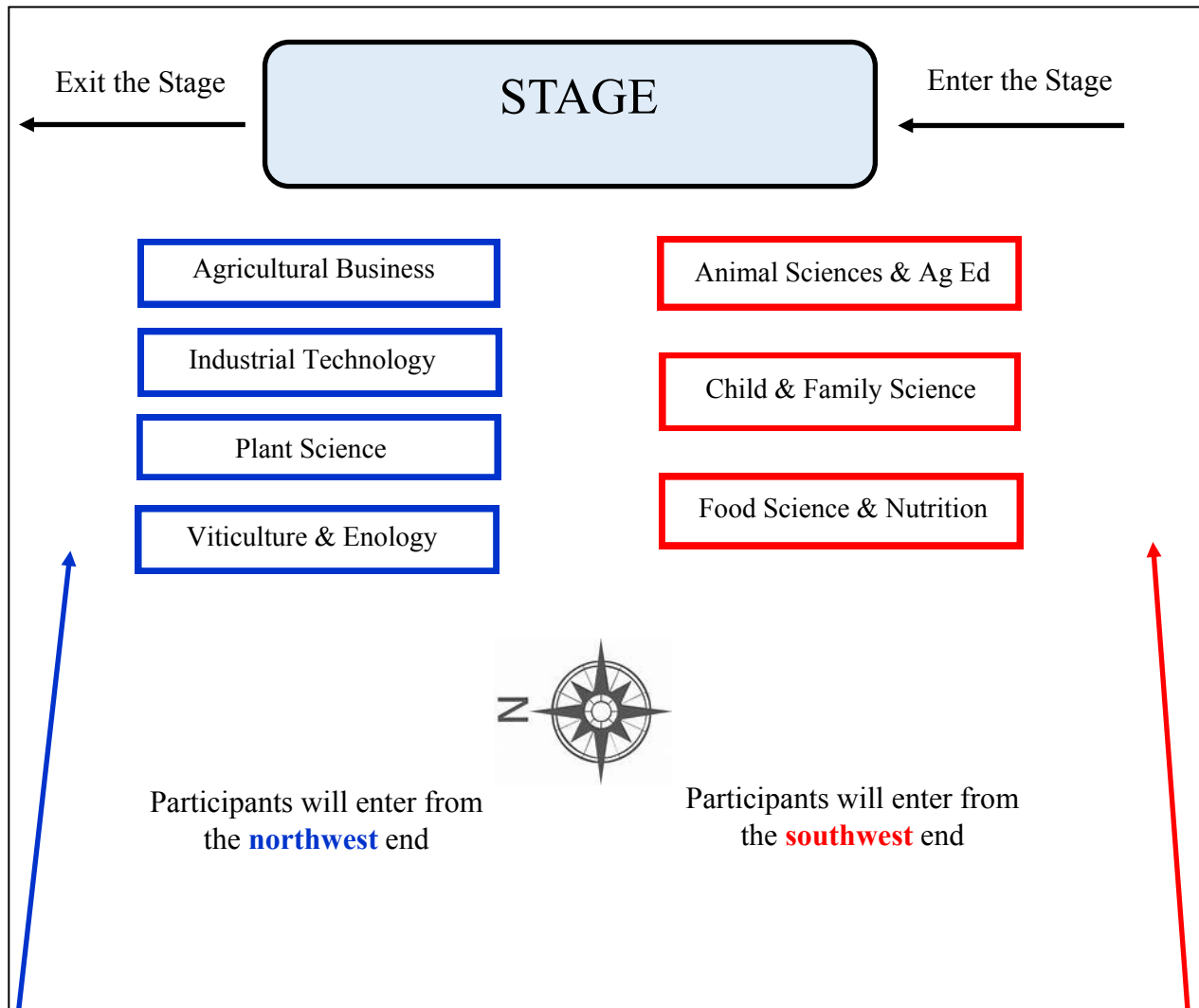
Hooding takes time!

Master students need to make sure their hood is open and draped over their left arm, button facing out, prior to walking onto the stage.

Awards and Honorees Recognized at Convocation

- Jordan College Dean's Medalist
- Jordan College Graduate Medalist
- Jordan College Outstanding Thesis and Project
- Jordan College Honors Scholars
- Jordan College Student Achievers

Processional and Seating Arrangement



The photo to the left shows the Save Mart Center floor layout for the convocation ceremony. The **blue** dot shows where participants will be entering from the northwest side and the **red** dot shows where the participants will be entering from the southwest side.

After the Ceremony...

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dean Witte will instruct graduates to use the stairs at the west end of the Save Mart Center floor to meet up with family and friends on the first level. Staff members will be directing our graduates to the appropriate exit area.



Information for Attending Family and Friends

Save Mart Center doors will open at 2:00 p.m. for guests attending the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Convocation. Balloons, food, confetti, loud horns and strollers **will not be allowed** inside the Save Mart Center.

Tickets are not required and the number of guests is not limited.

Parking will be relaxed on campus, however there will be a ceremony held before and after the Jordan College ceremony. Traffic attendants will be directing traffic. Students should park in Lot P2 and their guests can park in the Save Mart Center parking lot. Guests should allow enough time to get to campus and park. Parking will be limited and we encourage guests to carpool. If you have elderly guests, there will be a drop off location in lots 4 and 5 of the Save Mart Center parking lot. For additional information on maps and parking visit: www.savemartcenter.com/visitor-information/parking



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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Convocation is an alcohol and drug-free event

Students who appear to be under the influence will be removed from the Save Mart Center and will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony

Misconduct by even a few can disturb the whole event.

The Jordan College wants to make it a positive experience for all!

www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/commencement/commencement-expectations.html



For additional information go to:

Jordan College Convocation Information

<http://www.fresnostate.edu/jcast/news/news-2018-19/2019-05-17-graduation-info.html>

University Commencement Information

www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/commencement/

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