



February 25, 2016

Dear Student:

On behalf of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy, I would like to congratulate you on your successful completion of the Pharm.D. Degree. We are proud of you and of your achievements and wish you a most rewarding and successful career.

The South Carolina College of Pharmacy will hold a Convocation and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 10:00 AM**, at the Koger Center, in honor of the May 2016 graduates. A reception in the lobby of the Koger Center will immediately follow the ceremony. A keepsake invitation will be placed in your assigned seat at the Convocation and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. **Please plan to arrive at the large rehearsal room of the Koger Center no later than 9:15 AM.**

As in past convocations, degree candidates will be dressed in cap and gown and will be hooded on the stage. Caps, gowns, hoods and other commencement items can be purchased through the University of South Carolina Official Bookstore Website (ordering instructions have been provided to you in an earlier email from Diane Wise).

You will need the following:

- Doctoral gown with three black, velveteen chevrons on the sleeves
- Black cap
- Olive green tassel
- Doctor of Pharmacy hood in olive green and maroon

Honor and various student organization cords will be provided prior to the ceremony as appropriate.

Diplomas will be available for pickup in the Dean's office for a 2 week period beginning Monday, May 9th, 2016 thru Friday, May 20, 2016. Diplomas will need to be picked up personally and a photo ID must be presented. You



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Will need to check your diploma for accuracy of name as well as honor status. Any diplomas that are not correct will be sent back to the Registrar's office for reprinting; they will then be mailed directly to you at the permanent address provided on your graduation application at a later date. Any diplomas not picked up by May 20th will be returned to the Registrar's office for mailing via First Class US Postal service.

Several options for parking will be available to guests, including designated parking in University parking lots across the street from the Koger Center and pay garages.

I strongly urge you to attend the Convocation and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony and include your family and friends in this memorable occasion. There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite. Tickets are not required for entrance to the Convocation and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony for graduates or invited guests. Please let us know if anyone in your party will require special accommodations. We look forward to seeing you on May 6!

I also want to invite everyone to attend the P4 Honors and Awards Luncheon on **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 starting at 11:30 AM at Seawell's**. During this luncheon, members of your class will be honored for their academic and professional achievements. This event will be for faculty and graduating students only. Tickets are not required for entrance to the P4 Honors and Awards Luncheon for graduates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Randall C. Rowen'.

Randall C. Rowen
Interim Executive Dean & USC Campus Dean