HENDRIX COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

To: Candidates for Degrees in the Senior Class and Masters Candidates Meeting
From: The Marshals: Drs. Jennifer Peszka, Rod Miller, and Matt Moran

The awarding of degrees is the high point of the Commencement ceremony. You and your families have looked forward to this moment for many years. One practical concern remains: that each graduate receives their diploma with appropriate recognition. To facilitate the implementation of this concern, we offer the following instructions.

OUTDOOR CEREMONY
Young-Wise Memorial Stadium
9:00 A.M., May 15, 2021

1. On Saturday, May 15, by 8:10 A.M., on the sidewalk at the foot of the footbridge, please line up in single file in your proper group based on your major so you can be seated on the field according to the accompanying seating chart. It is essential each person maintain their correct place in the line so they will be seated on the field according to the chart. In case of rain, you will receive an H-Alert to tell you to line up on the suspended indoor track. Dr. Peszka, Leigh Lassiter-Counts and Student Marshals will be there to provide guidance and instructions.

2. At the time of assembly, address questions to the Marshals. The Student Marshals are Avery Colclaser, Phineas Chapman, Ty Forrest, Victoria Malak, Rachel McGhee, Caroline Tackett, Alek Taylor, and Quentin Tolbert.

3. The procession will move in single file across the footbridge and toward the north end of the football field. Once we arrive there, we will form three parallel lines led by a Marshal who will conduct you through a gauntlet of faculty to the seating section reserved for you and will usher you into the appropriate rows of this section. Be sure you are at your assigned seat and in the proper row. If persons are absent, leave their spaces vacant. After you have been escorted to your place, remain standing for the invocation.

4. After the Commencement address, the Provost of the College will say: "Let us proceed with the conferring of degrees." The Provost of the College will present the Masters candidates to the President, who will then speak the words of conferral.

5. Dr. Peszka will conduct the Masters candidates to the stage. Masters candidates: the Provost will call your name, after she calls your name, climb the stairs, when you have reached the top of the stairs, you can remove your mask if you choose. After you receive your diploma, move to the EAST end of the stage (stage left, house right) where you will be guided to a professional photography area, and then guided back to your seating area. Return to your assigned seat and be seated. Replace your mask after your photograph has been taken.

6. The Provost of the College will then present the senior class to the President. After the President has spoken the words of conferral, all seniors except those in the first 2 rows of seniors in the Humanities/Interdisciplinary Majors will sit down.

7. Dr. Peszka will conduct these two rows to the stage. Seniors: the Provost will call your name, after she calls your name, climb the stairs, when you have reached the top of the stairs, you can remove your mask if you choose. After you receive your diploma, move to the EAST end of the stage (stage left, house right) where you will be guided to a professional photography area, and then guided back to your seating area. Return to your assigned seat and be seated. Replace your mask after your photograph has been taken.

8. When four seniors remain at the stage, the next row of seniors will rise and move down the aisle to the stage until all but the last four Humanities and Interdisciplinary majors have gone. Then the first row of the Natural Science majors should proceed to the stage. After only four Natural Science majors remain at the stage, the first row of the Social Science majors should proceed to the stage.

9. After the Benediction and the Provost’s instructions for the recessional, the platform party will leave first. Then the graduates on the front row of each area will follow their Marshal out (the same way we entered); the other rows will follow in order, until all have recessed. Order and dignity should be maintained until the last graduate has left the place of assembly.

10. It is imperative that the platform party, faculty, and graduates keep moving until completely out of the venue to make room for your guests to exit. The procession will end at the Tennis Bubble and you are asked to proceed on your own to the planned location you have made to meet your guests. Please follow the instructions of the Marshals and keep walking in line until told otherwise.