Commencement is Right Around the Corner!

While it may seem far off, Commencement will be here before you know it! The 2014 Graduate Commencement Ceremony will be held at the historic Stanley Theatre on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 2pm. Commencement is a momentous occasion and signifies a great achievement! A celebratory reception will be held on campus following the ceremony with light refreshments.

Utica College graduates students three times a year (May, August, and December), but Commencement only occurs once a year in May. Students who anticipate graduating in May 2014, or August 2014 and students who graduated in December 2013 or August 2013 (and did not walk in May 2013) are eligible to participate in this year's ceremony.

There are three steps that students need to complete to partake in Commencement. 1) Students must complete an Application for Degree by March 15 and select the appropriate graduation term. This includes students who anticipate graduating in August 2014. 2) Online RSVP-Attendance Notification is also required. August 2014 graduates need to RSVP by April 1 to ensure that their name will be printed in the commencement program. All others must respond by April 15. 3) All students must Order Regalia by April 15. Graduate academic regalia consists of a cap, gown, and hood. Graduates will be hooded on stage during the ceremony by their School Dean and Program Chair. Doctoral graduates have the option of purchasing and

Important Dates

Please note the upcoming deadlines:

- **February 21** - Soot opens for D1 courses
- **February 28** - Last day of D1 courses
- **March 3** - Classes begin for D2 courses
- **March 5** - Last day to add/drop a D2 course
- **March 15** - Deadline to apply for degree for May graduation (or August grads attending Commencement)
- **March 15** - Suggested deadline to get a thesis/capstone project to the chair/committee
- **March 17-21** - Spring Break
wearing a tam (soft sided hat) in place of the mortarboard. Orders are placed via the online form and the option for online payment is available.

Parking for the ceremony is limited around The Stanley but parking is available on the Utica College campus. There will be a shuttle bus service available to transport graduates and their guests to The Stanley for the ceremony. Following the ceremony, shuttle buses will return to campus where the reception is held. Graduates should arrive at The Stanley no later than 1:15 pm on May 17, 2014 to allow time for check-in and line-up. Graduates and their guests traveling internationally for Commencement can contact Dan O'Toole, Director of International Programs, for assistance with documentation.

Make sure to check your UC email, aside from Angel email, regularly. The Office of Graduate Studies will begin sending out information and reminders in February. More information about the Graduate Commencement Ceremony can be found at utica.edu/commencement. Questions can be directed to The Office of Graduate Studies at ogs@utica.edu or 315-792-3335.

The Write Idea:
Accessing Theses and Capstone projects via ProQuest

Theses and capstone projects submitted via the ETD online submission website are now available. All theses and capstone projects submitted after September 2013 are published through the ProQuest Databases and are accessible online via the Utica College Library. To access theses and capstone projects go to the "Find a Specific Database" section of utica.edu/library and click on "UC Theses & Capstones". This webpage hosts all of the Utica College thesis and capstone project access sites beginning with the year 2000. In order to access theses or capstone projects submitted after September 2013 click on the blue link: "ProQuest Dissertations & Theses at Utica College". Once in ProQuest, like many other databases, you can search by the title or author, but also search by adviser, committee member, and key words. If you are not looking for a specific submission and would like to browse the collection, you can run a general search for "Utica College". Once you have selected the result you would like to view, ProQuest offers a few viewing options from full text, preview, and citation & abstract which can be found at the bottom of the result listing.

Theses and capstone projects submitted prior to September 2013 are still available online on the Utica College Library website as well. They can be accessed from the "UC Theses & Capstones" option under the "Specific Databases". This site offers options to access theses and capstones three different ways based on when the work was submitted. These options include September 2013-Present.

Remember to Check Your UC Email

As a reminder the graduate catalog states that: all students, staff, and faculty are required to use their UC email account for official communication. UC email is separate from online course email and can be accessed here. The time of year is approaching where many important communications will be going out from various offices. In the coming weeks The Office of Graduate Studies will be sending out reminders and information regarding graduation and commencement. Ensure you do not miss anything by regularly checking your UC email.

Fun Fact

The Co-Founder and CEO of Android, Andy Rubin is a Utica College Alumni! He graduated from UC in 1987 with a degree in Computer Science. Since then he has been awarded the Alumni of Achievement Award in 2007. Andy started out at Apple Inc. where he worked on an interface called Magic Cap for handheld devices. When this was not successful, Andy moved on to Artemis Research. There he worked on WebTV, which got picked up by Microsoft. In 1999 he co-founded Danger Inc. which produced a device commonly known as the T-

Students may find it useful to review theses and capstone projects prior to starting their own thesis or capstone. It can be helpful to see what is expected, what a particular chair or adviser has approved, or just to gain ideas and inspiration.

Mobile Sidekick. The Sidekick, like WebTV was also bought by Microsoft. When Andy left Danger he started his own company, Android. Currently Andy works for Google as a Senior VP Mobile. In December 2013 it was announced that Andy Rubin would head Google's new robotics initiative. It will certainly be exciting to see what Andy comes up with next!

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