

## **Class of 2017-2018 Candidates**

Congratulations! As a candidate for a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies, a Wayfinders or T.A.R.G.E.T. Program certificate, a credential, a Master's Degree within the Kremen School of Education and Human Development, or a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership, you are finally reaching a goal that you have worked so hard for over these past years. The Kremen School of Education and Human Development wants to formally recognize you for this great achievement in front of your family, peers, guests, and faculty. This Convocation Guide should provide you with everything you need to know to be prepared for this memorable event. If you have any questions that this guide doesn't answer for you or if you are unsure about any aspect of Convocation, please contact us at 559.278.0300 or email at [kremenschool@csufresno.edu](mailto:kremenschool@csufresno.edu).

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?**

The Kremen School of Education and Human Development Convocation is open to all students graduating from the Kremen School and students completing their certificate or credential during the academic year 2017-2018 (Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018). Those students who have completed their degree in Summer or Fall 2017, or applied to complete their degree in Spring 2018 are automatically included in the ceremony. No additional forms are necessary to participate.

### **Pre-Ceremony Reception**

The Kremen School of Education and Human Development will be hosting a reception for all graduates and their family and friends in the Smittcamp Alumni House prior to the ceremony on Friday, May 18, 2018. This will be a great time for family and graduates to meet faculty and take photos. The reception will start at 5:00pm and dinner will be served. Stop by and take some photos with your most memorable faculty and start your celebration!

### **Ceremony Information**

The Kremen School of Education and Human Development Convocation will be held Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Save Mart Center. The ceremony will begin at 7:15 p.m. Please check your Fresno State e-mail frequently for important updates. Those graduating will need to arrive by 6:30 p.m.

The student procession will be in the following order: North Side – Liberal Studies, Wayfinders Certificate, T.A.R.G.E.T Certificate, and then Credential. South Side – Doctoral, Master's, Platform Party, and then Faculty.

We will start the student procession promptly at 7:15 p.m. The ceremony will last approximately two and half hours. Guest tickets are not required. As a graduate you can invite

as many guests as you like. You may park on campus without a permit for graduation events. Guest seating is on a first come, first served basis. Special seating for guests with disabilities is available at the Save Mart Center. Please have your guests who need special seating contact an event staff member when they enter the Save Mart Center.

## Attire

All Liberal Studies, Master's, and Doctoral Degree Candidates should be attired in cap and gown (*Be sure to ask the bookstore if you have the correct color for your hood, etc.*).

Credential, Wayfinders, and T.A.R.G.E.T Certificate candidates should be dressed in business attire. *Please note: If you are part of an honors society you are welcome to wear your cords, medallions, etc.*

## Class Stoles

The Kremen School of Education and Human Development will sell stoles to commemorate the graduating class. The stoles are available for purchase in the Kremen Education Center for Advising and Student Services, ED 100 for \$25 each starting April 9, 2018. Please stop by ED 100 or call 559.278.0300 for information on how to purchase a stole.

## Honors at Convocation

Undergraduate students are eligible to graduate with Honors if their campus and cumulative GPA is at least 3.5 and they have completed at least 45 units at Fresno State. For students completing the degree in Spring 2018, the GPA is based upon the Fall 2017 semester, not the Spring 2018 semester. Eligible students will receive a letter via email with further information on purchasing an honor cord that can be worn at Convocation.

## Photography

Grad Images ([www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com)) will be taking pictures of each candidate as they shake hands with Dean Beare on stage at Convocation. Once the candidate exits the stage another picture will be taken individually. The photographer will be mailing a color proof to each graduate to their permanent mailing address. There is no obligation to purchase the photo packages that are available.

## Convocation Programs

Kremen School of Education and Human Development Convocation programs will be available as guests enter the Save Mart Center. Programs will also be placed on the chairs for each candidate.

## Guest Reminders

- No balloons are allowed in the Save Mart Center. Flowers will be available for purchase before and after the ceremony.
- If you have a guest that needs special seating, please ask a Save Mart Center usher for assistance when you enter the arena.
- All graduates will process out of the east end of the Save Mart Center. Graduates should arrange to meet their guests outside.

## Graduate Reminders

- Be on time! Those graduating need to arrive before 6:30 p.m. at the Save Mart Center loading dock. Entrance to the loading dock is on the east side of the Save Mart Center.
- Line up with your program by 6:45 p.m. so we can begin on time.
- Wear your cap and gown or appropriate attire as noted above and nice shoes! No flip flops will be allowed.
- Sit with your friends WITHIN your program (not alphabetical).
- Stay standing after entering the stadium until all of the graduates are in.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages before the ceremony. Students who appear to be under the influence will be asked to leave the Save Mart Center and will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

## Graduate Hooding

All master's students will be hooded at the Kremen School of Education and Human Development convocation.

## Convocation Schedule

5:00 pm	Reception for graduates, family and friends at Smittcamp Alumni House
6:30 pm	Student Arrival, please proceed to the loading dock. Secure a photo card and fill it out. Immediately line up with your program.
7:15 pm	Student Procession Begins
9:30 pm	Ceremony Ends

**Note to Doctoral Degree Candidates:** You will be hooded at the convocation ceremony on Friday, May 18, 2018.

## Accessibility

If you need a disability-related accommodation or wheelchair access information, please notify us. Graduates please call: Makenzie Burke at (559) 278-0390 and Guests please call: the Save Mart Center at (559) 347-3400.

## Ceremony and Reception

The Kremen School of Education and Human Development Convocation will be held at the Save Mart Center located on the California State University, Fresno campus. There will be no charge for guests to attend the ceremony or park.

The reception will be held at the Smittcamp Alumni House. Please see the map below for locations of each event and parking areas.



***Congratulations and we wish you great success in your future endeavors! GO DOGS!***