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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candidates for Degrees for May 9, 2008

FROM: Lynda Lee Purvis, Graduation Committee

DATE: April 21, 2008

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According to the preliminary list furnished by the Registrar, you are a candidate for graduation May 9, 2008, pending a final records check by the Registrar for those students completing their degree requirements this semester. Additional graduation information can be found at <http://www.gsw.edu/academics/registrar.html>.

- If your graduation date has changed, please contact the Registrar's Office Immediately. (229-928-1331)
- If your name has an unusual or special pronunciation, please notify the dean of your school immediately.

It is imperative for the Registrar's Office to have your correct address. If your address differs from the one listed in RAIN or will change prior to graduation, please go to <http://www.gsw.edu/academics/sturesguide.htm> for instructions on how to change your address.

The following events will take place on Friday, May 9, 2008, for degree candidates:

Graduation Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall *Honor graduates will be recognized and receive their honor medallions at the Breakfast.* Space will allow for graduates and faculty only at this occasion. It is important that all candidates planning to march in graduation attend the breakfast.

Assemble for Line-up: 10:15 a.m., Practice Gym in the Student Success Center

GRADUATION: 11:00 a.m., Convocation Hall, Student Success Center

President's Reception: Immediately following Graduation, at the north entrance to the Student Success Center. All graduates and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Please note that strollers are not allowed in Convocation Hall. A secure area for leaving strollers has been designated at the north entrance to the Student Success Center. Please inform your guests of this policy.

A special area on the east side of Convocation Hall has been designated for photography. In order to uphold the dignity of the occasion, family and friends will not be allowed to take photographs from the floor level where the graduates are seated. Please inform them of this policy.

A nurse will be available at the first aid station near the concession stand on the second level.

Additional handicap parking will be located in the lot on the north side of the Student Success Center. This lot will also serve as a drop-off point for guests.

For guests requiring special seating, please contact Lois Oliver at 229-928-1331.

Graduation memorabilia are available from the GSW Bookstore (229-931-2366). Invitations may be ordered through the May 9, 2008 graduation information website: <http://www.gsw.edu/main/graduation.html>.

Caps and gowns may be picked up at the Bookstore from April 28 through May 9, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Friday. The cap and gown belong to you. You do not need to return them to the Bookstore.

Commencement is both a joyful occasion and a solemn event. Everyone attending the ceremony should exercise etiquette appropriate for the occasion and express excitement in ways that will not prevent others from hearing the speakers and enjoying the ceremony. The use of air horns and noise makers is not acceptable during commencement.