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Dear graduation candidates,

Now that you've submitted your Intent to Graduate, I want to provide you with more information of upcoming deadlines and events. Please keep these items in mind and add them to your calendars.

### **Submit Photos for Commencement**

Please submit an electronic photo (JPG file preferred) that we can show as your name is read during our virtual ceremony. You are encouraged to submit a photo showing you wearing your regalia (cap, gown, and hood), but you are welcome to submit a photo of you without regalia, if you so choose. **All photos must be submitted by Friday, November 20.** Please use the following link to submit your photo for the ceremony: <https://webforms.cuchicago.edu/student-services/graduation-photos/>

### **Order Regalia (Cap & Gown) by Thursday, October 8**

The deadline to order regalia is next Thursday, October 8. Please use this link to order your regalia: <https://webforms.cuchicago.edu/student-services/graduation-apparel/>. All orders must be prepaid at the time of ordering. Regalia ordered by the October 8 deadline will be shipped to the address you specify by November 13. You may opt to have orders shipped to your home or shipped to the bookstore for pick up. You are **not required** to order regalia for the virtual commencement ceremony.

### **DOCTORAL STUDENTS ONLY – IMPORTANT**

CUC is beginning a new tradition as we hold our first Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. This new ceremony will take place on Friday, December 11, at 6:00 PM. Because all ceremonies must be held virtually, the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony will be streamed online using CUC's livestream ([CUChicago.edu/live](https://www.cuchicago.edu/live)) and via Facebook Live.

Doctoral candidates, please note that this new Doctoral Hooding Ceremony **does not replace Commencement**. Degrees will only be conferred during the Saturday afternoon Commencement. This ceremony is intended only as a special celebration of your great achievement. We want to see you receive your hood as your name and dissertation title are read, and we want to share that moment with the world. Watch your email for detailed instructions for submitting a video of you being hooded. **If you plan to submit a doctoral hooding video, you must order regalia and the appropriate hood by October 8. The deadline to submit your doctoral hooding video is Friday, November 20.**

### **Commencement Updates**

These updates and any future updates related to Commencement will be emailed to you. In addition, you can also find all Commencement updates on CUC's website. Please check both often.

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