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Dear Prospective Graduate:

You have persevered in your studies to this point as a college student and you are now a prospective Spring 2019 Alcorn graduate. The University family joins your family, friends, and fellow-supporters in congratulating you as you prepare for the Spring 2019 Commencement.

Spring 2019 Commencement will be a **ticketed event**. Specifically, graduating students who meet all degree requirements will receive **six (6) commencement tickets** for their guests. Guest tickets will be issued to graduating seniors during cap and gown pickup. The ticket allotment helps accommodate Alcorn's growing graduating class without exceeding occupancy limits and code-restrictions of the Whitney Auditorium. While only persons with tickets may enter Whitney, overflow spaces are available for *non-ticket bearing* attendees. **[Note: Faculty and students with regalia will have identified doors of entry into Whitney. Only ticket-bearing guests will enter through the front doors.]**

Commencement is the formal event held to confer your degree and honor you for this milestone. As commencement marks a significant ceremonial occasion, we ask you to maintain the dignity and respect due the occasion throughout the entire ceremony. Once the ceremony has begun, you should not leave the arena until the program has ended. The program will end after the benediction and the recessional. **For Customer Service click this link** → [here](#).

The appropriate dress is academic regalia. The graduation cap should be worn atop your head flat with the tassel placed to the right front side of the cap. When the degree is conferred, you will move the tassel to the left. Men should remove their caps for the invocation and benediction. Commencement marshals will be on hand to guide you—comply with their instructions at all times.

As a reminder, participation in graduation is contingent upon completing all requirements and/or being enrolled in your final semester of coursework. Please know that your degree will be provided when the Office of Student Records provides a final certification of completion of the final semester of your work as noted on your official transcript. For this reason, you should be aware that if you are currently enrolled in courses which are required for your degree, your degree will be withheld until these courses have been satisfactorily completed. Please see policy on degree completion → [here](#).

Again, congratulations on being a prospective graduate.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Igwebuike".

John G. Igwebuike  
Interim Provost & EVPAA

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