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Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on completing your degree. In recognition of your achievement, I am pleased to invite you to participate in two Commencement ceremonies. The **University of Pittsburgh** is hosting a **graduate degree ceremony** for Master's and Doctoral degree recipients. This University-wide event will be held **Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the John M. & Gertrude E. Petersen Events Center (3719 Terrace Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213)**. The second event, the **School of Medicine Diploma Day Ceremony**, will be held **Monday, May 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum (4141 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213)**. The Diploma Day Ceremony recognizes graduates of the School of Medicine's MS, PhD and MD programs. You and your family and friends are welcome to attend one or both of these events.

Graduation ceremonies are hosted to honor you and to celebrate your academic achievements with your colleagues and loved ones, and I sincerely hope that you will attend. The activities commence with a procession of graduates and faculty in academic regalia, continue with addresses by distinguished speakers, and are followed by the hooding ceremony and presentation of diplomas. A reception in the lobby follows the ceremonies.

Use the link below to register for the University-wide Graduate Degree Ceremony on April 29th. You should register only if you plan to attend. The deadline to register is April 21st.

Link to RSVP for April 29th ceremony: [Graduate Ceremony Registration](#)

If you plan to attend the School of Medicine Diploma Day Ceremony on May 22nd, please contact Dr. Joyce D'Antonio at jad155@pitt.edu to RSVP by Monday, May 1st. If you would like your advisor to participate in the hooding ceremony, please let us know when you RSVP. The advisors must also have regalia in order to join the processional.

You may purchase your MS or PhD regalia, (cap, gown, tassel and hood) in the Connolly Ballroom at Alumni Hall on April 11th or 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during "Graduation Central" or at the University Store beginning April 13th. The cost is \$57.00 for MS and \$70.00 for PhD regalia (prices do not include tax). If you have any questions about the regalia, please contact The University Store at 412-648-1455 or mhillier@bc.pitt.edu (pittuniversitystore.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Horn".

John P. Horn, PhD
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