



Alcorn
State University

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Dear Prospective Graduate:

CONGRATULATIONS on being a Spring 2021 prospective graduate at Alcorn State University. The University family joins your family, friends, and supporters with well-wishes as you prepare for Spring 2021 Commencement.

Spring 2021 Commencement will be a **ticketed event**. Graduating students 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 COVID-19 occupancy limits and code-restrictions of the Jack Spinks-Marino Casem Stadium. **[Note: Faculty and students with regalia will have identified points of entry into the stadium. Only ticket-bearing guests will enter through the front gates.]**

The appropriate dress is academic regalia for undergraduates, 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. For prospective graduate students, the tassel should be worn on the left and remain on the left throughout the ceremony. As a result of commencement taking place on the football field, we ask that women wear flat shoes (those without a heel) in order to reduce the number of indentions in the field. Commencement marshals will be on hand to guide you—please comply with their instructions at all times.

Prospective graduates **MUST** place orders for their cap and gown online no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021 at www.alcorn.edu/commencement. Again, congratulations on reaching this milestone.

Sincerely,

Ontario S. Wooden, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs