



## **Commencement Promise**

Commencement is a formal academic ceremony, and as such, all participants and guests are expected to demonstrate courtesies and behaviors befitting the dignity of the occasion.

### **While participating in Commencement, I agree that I will:**

- Refrain from arriving to the arena under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other substances.
- Be respectful to all Commencement speakers, administration, faculty, staff, event volunteers, and fellow degree candidates.
- Refrain from engaging in distracting behaviors (e.g., excessive celebration, inappropriately-timed shouting, etc.) during any portion of the ceremony.
- Refrain from using my phone or any other electronic device during the ceremony.
- Remain seated in my chair unless instructed otherwise.

A degree candidate is subject to be removed from the ceremony if the degree candidate does not comply with staff instructions, is found to be in violation of the Commencement Promise and/or engages in any behaviors that are deemed inappropriate and are not consonant with the formal tone befitting of an academic ceremony. *Please note: inappropriate or non-compliant behavior may result in referral to the Office of Student Conduct and Civility Education.*