Dear SCAD parent,

As Commencement 2014 rapidly approaches, we offer our sincerest congratulations to you and your student for this accomplishment. What a milestone. What a momentous occasion.

Since 1981, commencement has remained a special occasion at SCAD, and it provides an opportunity for the university community as a whole to celebrate our students’ artistic and academic achievements. To accommodate the growth of SCAD, and especially the graduating class of 2014, we are planning commencement with singular care and innovation.

In this booklet, you will find a schedule of events, including details for the ceremony, a list of downtown hotels, a checklist for graduates and contact information should you have any questions about commencement.

We look forward to a memorable and successful Commencement 2014 for all.

Sincerely,

Ariel Krantz
Director, Events and Exhibitions
SCHEDULE AND TICKET INFORMATION

Georgia World Congress Center
Georgia Ballroom
285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW
(located in Building C)

FRIDAY, MAY 30
4 p.m.
Commencement 2014
student rehearsal (mandatory)
Georgia World Congress Center
Georgia Ballroom (Room 203/204)
285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW

SATURDAY, MAY 31
6 p.m. (Doors open at 5 p.m.)
Presidential Conferment of Degrees Ceremony
Georgia World Congress Center
Georgia Ballroom
285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW

- PARKING
Parking is available at either the Gold Parking Deck or the Blue Parking Lot. Both parking areas are accessible via Northside Drive. Parking cost is approximately $8–$10.

- MARTA
The Georgia World Congress Center is MARTA accessible when you use the Vine City Station. For more information about MARTA, visit itsmarta.com.

- GUEST SHUTTLE
Free shuttle service is offered between SCAD Atlanta and the Georgia World Congress Center. Shuttles will loop between the two locations every 15 minutes beginning at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the events department at 404.253.3263 or atlrsvp@scad.edu.
TICKETS
Due to limited seating availability in the Georgia Ballroom, all guests must possess a ticket to attend the ceremony. For guests without tickets, the ceremony will be broadcast on television screens just outside the Georgia Ballroom in the lobby area. Each graduating student participating in Commencement 2014 will receive six tickets.

Graduates must have their graduation application and all graduation requirements completed to pick up Commencement 2014 tickets. Please refer to the checklist on page nine for graduation requirements.

Tickets will only be provided to students participating in the ceremony.

SPECIAL SEATING
Handicapped-accessible seating is available if guests require special accommodations. Because of limited handicapped-accessible seating, only one person may accompany the individual to the designated seating area.

Contact the events department at 404.253.3263 or atrsvp@scad.edu for disability seating requests. You must have a special seating ticket to sit in the designated area. Any special seating tickets requested will be included in the six total Commencement 2014 tickets provided to each student. All special seating requests must be submitted by Friday, May 2.

TICKET PICKUP
Tickets are available for students to pick up at SCAD Atlanta, 1600 Peachtree St. Tickets will be distributed 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., May 19-May 31, in the Student Success Center.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM THE AIRPORT AND THE SOUTH
Take I-75/85 North to Central Avenue (Exit 246). (The exit ramp becomes Central Avenue.) Turn left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. At the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Northside Drive. The Gold Parking Deck is located on your right between the Georgia Dome and Building C. The Blue Parking Lot is on Northside Drive across from Building C.

FROM THE NORTH
Take I-75/85 South to Williams Street (Exit 249 C). Turn right at the first light onto Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard. Stay on Ivan Allen. It will take you to Northside Drive. The Gold Parking Deck is located on your left between the Georgia Dome and Building C. The Blue Lot is on Northside Drive across from Building C.

FROM THE WEST
Take I-20 East to Spring Street (Exit 56B). Turn left onto Spring Street, then left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. At the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Northside Drive. The Gold Deck is located on your right between the Georgia Dome and Building C. The Blue Parking Lot is on Northside Drive across from Building C.

FROM THE EAST
Take I-20 West to Spring Street (Exit 56B). Turn right onto Spring Street, then left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. At the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Northside Drive. The Gold Parking Deck is located on your right between the Georgia Dome and Building C. The Blue Parking Lot is on Northside Drive across from Building C.

FROM SCAD ATLANTA
Head southeast on Peachtree Street. Turn right onto Spring Street and go 2.4 miles. Take a slight right at Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW. Turn right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. At the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Northside Drive. The Gold Parking Deck is located on your right between the Georgia Dome and Building C. The Blue Parking Lot is on Northside Drive across from Building C.
COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

DIPLOMAS/TRANSCRIPTS
Diplomas will be mailed to graduates at their provided diploma mailing address. Ensure your graduate updates their diploma address (DA) on their graduation application. Diplomas will be mailed six to eight weeks after graduation.

CAP AND GOWN
Students must order a cap and gown from Herff Jones online at herffjones.com/college/graduation. Graduation announcements and class rings are also available on the website. The final day to place online cap and gown orders is Friday, April 18. If you have any questions, a Herff Jones representative may be reached at 912.764.9314.

PHOTOGRAPHY
GradImages™ will take photographs of all graduating students as they receive their degrees. A passport-size photo proof and an order form will be mailed within 14 days of the commencement ceremony. For additional proofs or more information, visit gradimages.com or call 800.261.2576.

THE OFFICE FOR CAREER AND ALUMNI SUCCESS
The office for career and alumni success staff is available to assist students with job search strategies. Send an email to careersatl@scad.edu or call 404.253.5437.

QUESTIONS
Registrar’s office: 404.253.3103 or registrar@scad.edu
GRADUATION CHECKLIST

Students who have completed all requirements and coursework by the end of summer quarter 2014 may participate in Commencement 2014. The following checklist is your guide to ensuring all graduation arrangements have been finalized. Your student should email the appropriate graduation auditor to confirm the following information:

☐ GPA requirements for graduation have been met.

☐ Completed graduation application has been submitted to the registrar’s office. (The ceremony participation deadline is Friday, March 28.)

☐ Correct local and permanent student addresses are on file.

☐ Cap and gown are ordered from Herff Jones by April 18.

☐ Check with the following departments to ensure all accounts are clear.
  Student financial services office: 404.253.3400 or sfs@scad.edu
  Registrar’s office: 404.253.3103 or registrar@scad.edu
  Library: 404.253.3196 or circ@scad.edu

☐ Confirm with registrar’s office that all graduation requirements have been met.
  Registrar’s office: 404.253.3103 or registrar@scad.edu
ACCOMMODATIONS
The following list has been assembled for your convenience and is not intended as a recommendation or endorsement by the Savannah College of Art and Design.

**Artmore Hotel**
1302 W. Peachtree St. NE
404.876.6100
800.548.5631
artmorehotel.com

**Atlanta Marriott Suites Midtown**
35 14th St. NE
404.876.8888
marriott.com

**Loews Atlanta Hotel**
1065 Peachtree St. NE
404.745.5000
888.563.9736
loewshotels.com/atlanta

**W Atlanta-Midtown**
188 14th St. NE
404.892.6000
877.946.8357
watlantamidtown.com

**Residence Inn Atlanta**
Midtown at 17th Street
1365 Peachtree St. NE
404.745.1000
888.236.2427
marriott.com

**Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta**
75 14th St. NE
404.881.9898
fourseasons.com/atlanta