

Dear Graduates and Parents:

Congratulations to you and your family on your academic accomplishments at the University of Kansas. As you prepare to complete your KU degree, I invite you to participate in Commencement, a special occasion for students, families, and friends, and one of the most important traditions at KU. The university is planning a memorable Commencement Sunday, May 17, 2009. The enclosed brochure outlines most of the essential details of Commencement, including information about obtaining caps and gowns, as well as plans for postponement in the event of inclement weather.

Mrs. Hemenway and I invite you to our home, the Outlook, 1532 Lilac Lane, for Commencement Lunch from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for graduates and their guests, and we ask that graduates assist us in planning by completing the reservation card (enclosed in their mailing only).

Commencement also signals a new stage in your life as a Jayhawk. As part of the KU alumni family, you can help strengthen your alma mater through membership in the KU Alumni Association. This year, KU Endowment is providing a gift to all graduates: a one-year membership in the KU Alumni Association. The Association's programs help graduates stay connected to KU and provide numerous networking opportunities. In addition to this gift membership, there are special reduced rates for recent graduates. For the first five years following your most recent KU degree, Alumni Association membership is half-price and life memberships for the Class of 2009 are half-price until June 30, 2009. Membership in the Association is the perfect graduation gift; please visit [www.kualumni.org](http://www.kualumni.org) to learn more. You can apply online for a gift membership, use the enclosed form, or contact the Association at (800) 584-2957.

To help you prepare for Commencement weekend, we are enclosing specific reservation cards, depending on whether you are a parent or a graduating student.

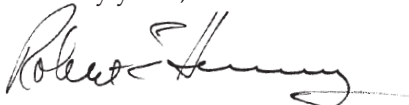
**Students:** Enclosed in your mailing are a Commencement brochure, an Alumni Association membership form, information about the Grad Grill, and a reservation card for the Commencement Lunch. Please confer with your parents and guests before filling out and returning the lunch reservation card by April 20. You will be required to show your tickets to receive your box lunches. Graduates may pick up tickets weekdays May 1-15 at the Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Avenue.

**Parents:** Enclosed in your mailing are a Commencement brochure and an Alumni Association membership form. **Please talk to your graduating student about the Commencement Lunch card that he or she has received.** Your graduate should fill out and return the lunch reservation card by April 20.

If you have questions, please contact the appropriate office or KU Info at (785) 864-3506. Information is also available online at [www.commencement.ku.edu](http://www.commencement.ku.edu).

Congratulations! I look forward to seeing you at the 137th University of Kansas Commencement.

Sincerely yours,



Robert E. Hemenway  
Chancellor