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Office of Student Affairs

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Dear HGSE Students,

For those of you who will be graduating this May, we are excited to celebrate your accomplishments and share in the joy with your friends and loved ones. As President Bacow and Dean Long shared on Friday, we will be celebrating virtually this year and are hard at work to ensure that this celebration is a memorable one.

I write today to share two pieces of logistical information to aid in your planning for Commencement 2021.

Commencement Regalia

The Harvard University Commencement Office has worked with The Harvard Coop to make approved Harvard regalia available for purchase to all Class of 2021 graduates.

All student regalia orders will be shipped directly to the address that you provide when ordering for use in photo opportunities. Regalia is yours to keep as a memento of your achievements. It is important to note that **regalia is not required** to participate in any of the University and HGSE events and celebrations.

HGSE is pleased to inform students that the school will cover the standard shipping costs for any regalia purchased through The Harvard Coop. We want to enable all students to get regalia regardless of where they have been studying this year.

More information about keepsake regalia and the process for placing an order, including ordering deadlines, can be found on the [OSA website](#).

Stoles

HGSE is proud to offer its graduating students the opportunity to order stoles that honor their identities. To provide each interested student the opportunity to order a stole, and in celebration of the many intersections of identity that students bring with them to HGSE, we will cover the cost of up to two (2) stoles. Students may

choose to purchase additional stoles at cost. We hope these stoles will help brighten this year's ceremonies and highlight the pride in our traditions and ethnicity!

For complete information about the options for stoles, deadlines for ordering, and to place your order, please visit the [OSA Website](#).

I encourage you to continue to check the [Office of Student Affairs Commencement website](#), as updates will be posted as they are confirmed over the coming weeks. Updates will also be included in the HGSE Weekly Newsletter.

As Dean Long announced Friday, we also welcome your ideas about how to make the virtual Commencement activities celebratory and engaging. Please submit your ideas via [this form](#).

As always, if you have any questions about Commencement, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at kevin_boehm@gse.harvard.edu.

Thanks,
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