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Dear Graduating Masters Students,

Greetings and warmest congratulations on your upcoming achievement!

As you know, the University and the School only have one official Commencement Ceremony per year, which is held in the Spring, however, the School of Nursing feels it is important to recognize the achievements of those whose programs end in other semesters. August and December graduates are honored at a Recognition Program and Alumni Welcome Ceremony at the end of each semester, followed by a Reception for students, family and friends.

The date for the August Celebration will be Saturday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Room 208 of the Goodrich C. White Hall of Main Campus. Students should arrive to line up no later than 9:30 a.m. (details below). Directions and parking can be found on the SON web site listed below. Reception will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the Lobby of the Goodrich C. White Hall.

It is important that you RSVP for you and your guests by August 1st by going to the web site listed below. There is no limit to the number of guests. Printed invitations for your guests will be placed in your student mail file on the plaza level by mid July. Electronic copies are also available on the web site.

Description of the event: The ceremony is held in the White Hall auditorium where students will process in and sit as a group. There is a printed program with the names of students who are graduating. The speaker, selected by the students, will be Dr. Joyce King. Specialty Coordinators will call students by name to the front of the auditorium and present them with a blue stole embroidered with the School of Nursing Shield and MSN designation (an academic stole is a vestment used as part of graduate regalia). At the end of the ceremony, alumni will present gifts to the graduates.

Information, RSVP link, directions and photos of past events:

http://www.nursing.emory.edu/nursing/news_and_events/events/alumni_celebration/index.shtml

All graduates are encouraged to return and participate in the University Ceremony and the School of Nursing Diploma Ceremony on Monday, May 11, 2009. Email lists for graduates are created by the SON Office of Student Affairs, so it is important for you to keep your contact information updated with the University after you leave. The SON Commencement web site should be your main source for information and it will be updated beginning in March 2009 or as details become available.

If you have any questions regarding the ceremony, please feel free to contact Melanie Chastain at mchasta@emory.edu or (404) 727-8128. For more information on the NHWSN Nurses' Alumni Association, please contact Betsy Oliver at betsy.oliver@emory.edu or 404-727-5291. Once again congratulations; we are excited that you will soon join our alumni community.

Sincerely,

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