Dear Expected Graduate,

Please read the following important information regarding regalia the 2011 Public Health Convocation ceremony and the University Commencement ceremony, as well as information about tickets and photographs during the event.

GENERAL INFORMATION
You are welcome to participate in either or both of the ceremonies. The CONVOCATION ceremony is the School’s diploma and hooding ceremony: Masters’ candidates receive their diplomas individually from the Dean (summer and fall grads will receive a Declaration of Health Rights as their diplomas will have been issued before the May ceremony); Doctoral graduates are individually recognized as they come to the stage to receive their doctoral hoods from their department chair. Guest seating at Convocation is by ticket only. The University’s COMMENCEMENT ceremony is the following day during which President Daniels will award all doctoral diplomas. Masters’ graduates from all of the University’s divisions are recognized as groups at the Commencement ceremony. Guest tickets are not required for Commencement.

REGALIA
All graduates participating in Convocation or Commencement are required to wear a cap, gown and hood. Regalia ordering is open now through March 17, 2011 directly through Herff Jones at http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/jhsph. You are encouraged to order regalia even if graduation is not a certainty. You will be issued a full refund if you do not graduate and return your regalia and tickets. Students who do not have regalia will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Any questions regarding the regalia ordering process should be directed to Lynnea Garrett in the Student Affairs Office at lgarrett@jhsph.edu.

CONVOCATION
The School’s Convocation ceremony will be held at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in downtown Baltimore on Wednesday, May 25 at 3:00 p.m. The Convocation speaker has not yet been announced but will be posted to the Graduation page (http://www.jhsph.edu/student_affairs/registrar/graduation.html) as soon as possible.

If you are participating in Convocation, please plan to be inside the Meyerhoff with your regalia by 2:15 p.m. Details concerning parking, public transportation, and instructions for processional will follow in early May. We anticipate that the ceremony will conclude at approximately 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT
The University-wide Commencement ceremony, scheduled for Thursday, May 26 will be held at Homewood Field located next to University Parkway on the Homewood Campus. Maps will be available in early May. The processional will begin promptly at 8:40 a.m.; participants are asked to arrive by 7:30. All graduates are invited to participate. The Commencement ceremony, being much larger and outdoors, is more informal than Convocation and is often considered a more appropriate venue for guests with young children. For more information on Commencement please visit http://www.jhu.edu/commencement/.

Regalia will be collected following both the Convocation and Commencement ceremonies. If you are attending both ceremonies, you must retain your regalia (including hood) for the Thursday morning Commencement ceremony.
CONVOCATION TICKETS
Admittance to the Convocation ceremony is by ticket only. You will only receive tickets if you are participating in the ceremony. If you have access to your own regalia, you must inform Lynnea Garrett in the Student Affairs Office at lgarrett@jhsph.edu. Each participating graduate should expect to receive no more than 3 tickets. Each guest attending the ceremony must present a ticket, but seats are not assigned, so your guests should be advised to arrive in time to be seated by 2:45 p.m.

PHOTOS
If you have indicated that you are planning to attend the Convocation ceremony, you will receive a mailing from Commencement Photos, Inc. to your local address. Please be sure this address is up-to-date in ISIS Self Services at https://isis.jhu.edu/sswf. You may make arrangements to purchase graduation photos, as guests may not walk to the stage to take pictures.

- If you are participating in the Convocation ceremony and any of your guests have special needs, such as wheelchair access, please let us know ASAP and before May 7th so we can make appropriate arrangements with the Meyerhoff staff.

This is the last mailing to all graduates; subsequent mailings will be about the ceremonies and will be sent only to those graduates who have indicated their intent to participate in the ceremony and ordered regalia.

Information on the School’s graduation ceremony may be found at http://www.jhsph.edu/Student_Affairs/registrar/graduation.html

Sincerely,

The Office of Records and Registration