



Office of the Dean

September 15, 2017

Dear SOE Graduate:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the School, I congratulate you on your upcoming graduation. We are confident you have gained the knowledge to be successful in your future engineering career. We also know you understand the importance of life-long learning, so that you will be prepared for the challenges of a changing world. As a Lobo engineer and computer scientist we know that you are in a unique position to utilize your creativity, energy, and technical knowledge to improve the quality of life of our society with compassion, honesty and integrity.

There are two important events to celebrate your commencement, and I encourage you to attend both, along with your family and friends.

The first is the University of New Mexico's Fall 2017 Commencement Program, which will take place on Friday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Dreamstyle Arena (better known to you as "The Pit"). UNM Interim President Chaouki Abdallah will preside over the ceremony, which I expect to be well-attended by faculty, staff, and students, all of whom will be in academic regalia (i.e., cap and gown). At this event, the President will officially confer your degree upon you. To participate, please fill out the student sign-up form at: <http://graduation.unm.edu>. Other details about UNM Commencement are also available at this site.

The second event is the School of Engineering Fall 2017 Convocation. This will take place on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kiva Auditorium, inside the Albuquerque Convention Center downtown (West convention center, 2nd floor). The Convocation is the School's own ceremony specifically to honor you, in the presence of your family and friends. The highlight of this event is the recognition of each SOE graduate individually on stage, where you will be congratulated by your department faculty and staff, your deans, and the Convocation's honored guests. Graduate students will be met on the stage by their faculty thesis/dissertation advisor for the traditional "hooding" ceremony.

If you plan to attend the SOE Convocation, please report to the Kiva Auditorium in the Albuquerque Convention Center **between 9:15 a.m. and 9:40 a.m.** in order to receive your data information card and line up for the procession.

Cap and gown is the appropriate dress for graduates. "Civilian" dress is also acceptable. Caps and gowns can be obtained from the UNM Bookstore. If you wish to send formal

announcements to your family and friends, you can purchase them at the bookstore as well.

Wheelchair access to the Convention Center is available. If you need special accommodations such as an interpreter for yourself or your guests or wheelchair access, please contact April Davidson at 277-1421 prior to December 8, 2017.

I strongly encourage you to stay in touch with our School, your former professors, and fellow Lobos and to keep us informed on the numerous future achievements in your careers. We will always take extraordinary pride in your accomplishments.

On behalf of the School of Engineering faculty and staff, I congratulate you once more and I hope to see you at both the UNM Fall 2017 Commencement Program and the School of Engineering Fall 2017 Convocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christos Christodoulou', written in a cursive style.

Christos Christodoulou
Dean and Professor