

*Office of the Dean*

February 7, 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. The School takes great pride in your accomplishments as a Lobo Engineer, and we look forward to continued interaction with you as a School of Engineering alum.

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 Spring 2017 Commencement Program, which will take place on Saturday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the WisePies Arena (better known to you as "The Pit"). UNM Acting President Chaouki Abdallah will preside over this 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 Spring 2017 Convocation. This will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Kiva Auditorium at the Albuquerque Convention Center downtown. 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.

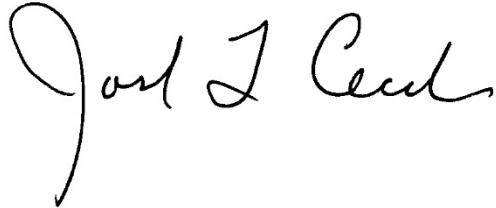
If you plan to attend the SOE Convocation, please report to the Convention Center **between 1:15 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.** in order to receive your data information card and line up for the procession.

Cap and gown is the appropriate dress for graduates. "Civilian" dress is also acceptable. Caps and gowns can be obtained from the UNM Bookstore (<https://bookstore.unm.edu/c-209-graduation.aspx>). 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 May 5, 2017.

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 Spring 2017 Commencement Program and the School of Engineering Spring 2017 Convocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph L. Cecchi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joseph L. Cecchi  
Dean and Professor