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Graduation May 2008

The NTPD graduation festivities will take place on Thursday, May 22 and Friday, May 23, 2008. The specific agenda for both days will be available in the spring, but here are the typical highlights based on previous years:

On Thursday, which is the main "NTPD Day", we begin about 11 AM, and go into the evening. The day includes lunch, pictures in caps and gowns, focus group sessions, a reception, and a very personal banquet, just for the NTPD graduates and their guests. There will probably be 15-25 NTPD graduates participating, from across the US and Canada. We will have optional campus tours during the day if people wish to see the Anschutz Medical Campus.

The graduation ceremonies take place Friday morning. The day begins with a complimentary continental breakfast for the School of Pharmacy and School of Medicine graduates and guests. Then we have the formal Health Sciences Center graduation, with lots of "pomp and circumstances", in which the degrees are officially awarded. Because all of the health sciences schools are included in this portion, just one person goes to the stage from each school, to represent all of the graduates from their school. For the School of Pharmacy an entry-level doctor of pharmacy graduate will receive the symbolic degree for the class.

At 10 AM, each of the schools begins their own graduation ceremony. Each graduate goes on stage to receive their diploma and to be "hooded". In hooding, the long velvet doctoral collar or hood is placed over the graduate's head, signifying awarding of the doctoral degree. We conclude the day with a small reception. We hope you will stay for the weekend to enjoy beautiful Colorado.

If you are not 100% certain that you meet the criteria for graduation, please contact our offices. **The general rules are that all courses must be completed, all challenges submitted, and all clerkships begun, before graduation (May 25, 2007). Clerkships started before graduation can be completed after graduation, and clerkship and challenge paperwork can be wrapped up, through June 2007, and still qualify for a May 2007 diploma. There must be a passing grade for every course, challenge, and clerkship visible on your transcript by the end of the grace period in late July to meet the May 2007 criteria.** Candidates who do not meet these criteria will receive diplomas with the next issue date, December 2007.

Please look for more information in the spring of 2008 about graduation commencement. For specific questions, please contact Brooke Coleman at 303-315-3098 or brooke.coleman@uchsc.edu.