Since the announcement of the First Lady coming to OSU, University administrators and staff have been working hard to plan for this significant occasion and personally assist graduates and their family members and guests to accommodate the required change, including additional security measures.

- **Date:** Sunday, June 17, 2012
- **Time:** Anticipated start time – 3:00 PM (when the first graduates enter the stadium)
- Anticipated number of students participating in Commencement – 3,500 – 4,000 (last year we had 2,563 students attend)
- Anticipated number of guests – 35,000 (last year we had approximately 17,500)

Faculty may participate in the Commencement ceremony in several ways:

- Faculty, who serve as ESCORTS to doctoral candidates, will receive a memo from the Graduate School toward the end of May.
- Faculty may also serve as a FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE. These faculty members will dress in academic regalia and participate in the processional across campus and into Reser Stadium where they will be seated as a group for the ceremony. There may be a limited number of seats available on the stadium floor for Faculty Representatives.
- Faculty members are encouraged to serve as MARSHALS. We are anticipating the need for almost twice as many marshals as in the past. Please contact Chris Bell by e-mail (chris.a.bell@oregonstate.edu) to volunteer or request more information.
- Attend Commencement and sit in general stadium seating as a guest of a graduate or as an Oregon State faculty or staff.
- TICKETS - After serving the admission seating needs of family, friends and guests of graduates, we anticipate having a limited number of general admission tickets – available at no charge – for OSU faculty and staff.
- Assist your students who are prospective graduates and who have questions about Commencement. Encourage them to visit the Commencement webpage and, for those who have questions about graduation requirements and deadlines, encourage them to contact their advisers and the OSU Registrar’s Office.

Please check out the University Commencement website – at [http://oregonstate.edu/commencement](http://oregonstate.edu/commencement).

Additional information will be available at the May Faculty Senate meeting. Please help us continue the Oregon State tradition of a truly outstanding Commencement.