TIPS FOR CONVOCATION DAY

Arrival

• Arrive at the Robing area, 2nd floor of the RecPlex between 8:00-8:15AM for the morning ceremony or 1:00PM for the afternoon ceremony.

Procession Cards

- Pick up this card first on the day of your convocation in the Robing Area.
- Don't lose this card. You need it for every move you make.
 - o picking up your cap and gown
 - o registering with the photographer
 - o lining up in the right spot
 - o for the Registrar to announce your name

What to wear under your regalia

A few pointers to make you feel more comfortable:

- Dress cool although suits look good, you will be very warm in a full suit
- Do not wear high heeled shoes as there are many stairs, some without railings, and you may fall out of the processional order or injure yourself.
- Don't spend hours on your hair, your mortarboard (cap) will crush it. Mortarboards are meant to be worn on the <u>top</u> of your head, not on the back. If your cap is too far back staff will help you to adjust it.

Other tips and answers to commonly asked questions

- Convocation lasts about 2 ½ hrs.
- Leave valuables like purses and bags at home or with a guest as there is no place to leave valuables during the ceremony
- Arrive on time and once you are lined up DO NOT leave the line
- If you are registering for a photo ensure you are on time. The Photo registration desk closes about ½ hour before Convocation
- Pause briefly when you receive your degree so the photographer has a chance to get a great picture
- Set up a meeting place with your guests after Convocation so it is easy for them to find you
- The Alumni Association will be selling University of Winnipeg degree and portrait frames before and after Convocation and throughout the year at the bookstore.

You've worked hard for this day...enjoy it!