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To the Graduates of the Class of 2014, their parents and families:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to Stanford University’s 123rd Commencement Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15, 2014. This is our opportunity to congratulate and honor our graduates and to thank their parents, family members and friends for their support and confidence.

The Commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Stanford Stadium. Philanthropists Melinda and Bill Gates will share the podium as this year’s Commencement speakers.

We are very proud of all of our degree candidates, and we have planned a number of events for the weekend, which opens with the Baccalaureate celebration. Held in the Main Quadrangle on Saturday morning, this multi-faith celebration is a time of thanksgiving and reflection for students and their families. Zen Buddhist priest and poet Norman Fischer will give this year’s Baccalaureate address. On Saturday afternoon, I also invite you to join my wife, Andrea, and me at a reception for graduating students and their families at Lou Henry Hoover House.

Updates and additional information about the weekend can be found online at http://commencement.stanford.edu. A concise brochure with pertinent details about Commencement Weekend is also available online.

Commencement marks both a completion and a beginning. When our students become alumni, they don’t leave — at least not in spirit. At Stanford University, we encourage our alumni and their families to remain involved in the life of the university. You will always be a member of the Stanford family.

Sincerely,

John L. Hennessy