Commencement Attire - Academic Regalia – Green is the New Black

Commencement is going Green and traditional. Traditional black gowns are also improving our efforts toward sustainability. The traditional color of gowns at commencement has historically been black. Pace had black gowns up until our celebration of 100 years. In order to honor the institution and the special occasion, blue gowns were chosen. After receiving feedback from students who prefer the black and now that Pace is on its way into the next 100 years, it's time to go back to black to recognize the time honored traditions of a university commencement.

In addition to the color change, the quality of the gowns is improved. In an effort to increase sustainability, Pace graduates will now be renting their gowns and not purchasing them. Through a recommendation and support from the GreenPace Committee, we were able to work with Herff Jones, our commencement regalia supplier, to find a higher quality and nicer gown that students would rent in an effort to go Green at commencement.

Through the assistance of GreenPace, http://www.pace.edu/sustainability/ [1], we have tried to make even the details of commencement sustainable. Please join us in the *Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility* at Pace University. We know reducing landfills filled with graduation gowns by reusing them and printing programs on recycled paper with soy ink is the just the beginning. We encourage you at cap and gown distribution to join your fellow Pace graduates and alumni since 2009 in the *Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility. Learn more at:* www.pace.edu/greenpledge [2]

Bachelors gown and hood:

Graduate gown and hood:

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