June 10, 2011

To: Forest Resources’ Community
RE: Graduation 2011

This afternoon at the formal ceremony in Kane Hall, and at the following reception in the Forest Resources courtyard, the School celebrated the graduation of its undergraduate and graduate students. The room in Kane was full and the ceremony was crisp, engaging, fun, and thoughtful. Dean Lisa Graumlich was the keynote speaker, Tristen Nunez (“Dr. Who”) was graduate student spokesperson, Warren Childe was the undergraduate student spokesperson and Ara Erickson spoke for the Alumni Association — all spoke eloquently and passionately. Afterwards most participants came to the reception held in the courtyard and many lingered beyond 5 p.m. Graduates and their guests were all pleased with this very successful SFR event.

However, no event occurs without an incredible amount of behind (and on) the scenes work. I owe the following individuals thanks for their work to make this successful:

The Student Advising Office: Michelle Trudeau, Amanda Davis, and Lisa Nordlund. They were both the catalyst and the core of this event.

The faculty who participated in the formal event: Professors David Ford, Rick Gustafson, Clare Ryan, and Steve West.

The legion of volunteers who helped in set-up, serving and clean-up: David Campbell, Jan Cranfield, Laura Davis, Sharon Doty, Shelley Evans, Lynne Hendrix, Marc Morrison, Megan O’Shea, Cecilia Paul, Anita Smith, and Alex Thomas.

The faculty and staff who attended the event: Jon Bakker, Bruce Bare, Gordon Bradley, Sally Brown, Clara Burnett, Bob Edmonds, Kern Ewing, Jim Fridley, Michelle Hall, Rob Harrison, Josh Lawler, Jim Lutz, John Marzluff, L. Monika Moskal, Alina Niklison, John Perez-Garcia, Sarah Reichard, Dan Vogt, and Kristiina Vogt. I think in the years that I have participated that this was the best attended graduation ceremony.

Finally, a devoted group of alumni attended and helped: Pat Cummings, Ben Harrison, and Alan Randall.

Thank you! This was a very successful closure to the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

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