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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Gerald R. Ford will deliver the Commencement address and receive an honorary degree at the University of Pennsylvania's annual Commencement Exercises for 1975 graduates on Sunday, May 18, in Convention Hall of the Philadelphia Civic Center.

The 1975 Commencement will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the 1775 graduation ceremony attended by General George Washington and other members of the Continental Congress. It will also inaugurate the University's observance of the Bicentennial.

Other presidents of the United States who have received honorary degrees from the University include George Washington, James Garfield, Theodore Roosevelt, Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, and Dwight Eisenhower.

The 219th Commencement Exercises at 2:00 p.m. will be one in a series of events on May 18 to honor some 5000 1975 graduates and their parents.

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