

SPRING 2017 COMMENCEMENT THE SMEAL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Sunday, May 7, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Bryce Jordan Center

Tickets are not required and there is no guest limit.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

To participate in the commencement ceremony, it is expected that you have satisfied all University, college, and major requirements in effect at the time of your admission as a degree candidate to the University.

- **Attire:** Academic regalia (cap and gown) or military uniform is required for participation. Extra adornments on caps and gowns are not permitted. Business professional attire is recommended for all graduates. Dress shoes are appropriate and very high heels or flip flops are *not* recommended due to safety concerns.
- **Bryce Jordan Center:** The doors will open to the public at 7:30 a.m. Graduates will be allowed access to the event floor at 8:00 a.m., via Portal 15 between Gates B and C, and must be seated by 8:45 a.m. You will be directed to sit with your academic department based on your major. Traffic will be heavy prior to the ceremony so please allow extra time.
- **IMPORTANT!** *You must bring your COMMENCEMENT NOMENCLATOR CARD with you.* If your name tends to be mispronounced, you can assist by printing pronunciation cues plainly on the card under your name in pen. (For example: Stankiewicz = Stan-Ka-Vitch). Please fill out the back of the card in advance as this is how *GradImages* will contact you regarding the photos taken at commencement.
- **Personal belongings** should be given to family or friends to hold during the ceremony. Cell phones should be set to vibrate and put away for the duration of the ceremony.
- **Diplomas** will be mailed to your home address, approximately 4-6 weeks after commencement. Please be sure to update your permanent home address via LionPATH prior to commencement.
- **Graduates with Disabilities** are encouraged to participate in the commencement ceremony. It is important that you notify the Office of Undergraduate Education, (814) 863-1947, by April 12, 2017, if you anticipate needing any type of special accommodation or have questions about accessibility.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND GUESTS

Parking and Traffic Advisory

To manage the significant congestion expected around the Bryce Jordan Center, Medlar Field, Beaver Stadium, and University Drive during spring commencement weekend, traffic and parking will be managed by filling alternating lots for each commencement ceremony. Drivers will be directed to the appropriate lot by University Police and event parking staff based on the traffic and parking conditions at the time of their arrival. Please use caution while traveling through this area of campus and allow extra time to reach your destination.

General parking for Penn State spring commencement ceremonies being held at the Bryce Jordan Center will be available at one or more of the following parking areas, as directed by University Police and event parking

staff:

Lot 44 – located east of the Bryce Jordan Center, and accessible from Porter Road (via Park Avenue or College Avenue) and Dauer Drive (via University Drive)

Stadium West – located west of Beaver Stadium, and accessible only from Park Avenue

Porter North – located north of Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, and accessible from Porter Road (via Park Avenue or College Avenue)

ADA parking will be available at the following Lot 44 and Stadium West areas:

- Northwest corner of Lot 44 near Bryce Jordan Center Gate B, across from the Penn State All-Sports Museum (accessible from intersection of Porter Road and Curtin Road)
- Section of Lot Orange L located between the Bryce Jordan Center and Lot 44 (accessible from Dauer Drive via University Drive)
- First three rows of parking in the southeast corner of Stadium West near Beaver Stadium, and the first four rows in the southwest corner of Stadium West near University Drive/Curtin Road intersection (all accessible only from Park Avenue)

To ensure the safety of all guests and to assist with traffic flow between each ceremony, drivers are discouraged from dropping off or picking up guests outside of the designated ADA parking areas. These areas are ADA accessible and located just a short distance from entrances to the Bryce Jordan Center. Curtin Road will also be closed to vehicle traffic between University Drive and the entrance to Lot 44 throughout most of the commencement ceremonies to allow safe pedestrian access between Stadium and the Bryce Jordan Center.

Commencement parking for all ceremonies will be available at no charge, courtesy of Penn State Transportation Services.

Visit the [BJC Commencement Google Map](#) to view a map of the commencement ceremony site, as well as the general and ADA parking areas.

Seating: Guests are to enter Gates A, B, C or D. **Tickets are not required and there is no guest limit.** Graduates are called by name to process across the commencement stage according to academic department. A floor chart is available in the program book (available as you enter the Jordan Center) to assist family members with seating. The ceremony will last approximately 1½ hours.

Please note: Commencement is a *formal* academic ceremony. We encourage you and your guests to celebrate your graduation; however, we request that graduates and their guests behave with the decorum the occasion deserves. All families are waiting to hear the name of their individual graduate; please hold clapping and cheering until all of your classmates have crossed the stage platform.

Questions: Call the Undergraduate Education Office at (814)-863-1947, or visit the Undergraduate Student website: <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/commencement/>.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!