

# SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Saturday - May 14, 2016

DeSimone Gymnasium - Sports & Activities Center

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## 10:00AM CEREMONY *(Doors open at 9:00am)*

**College of Business, Economics and Computing & College of Natural and Health Sciences**

**Bachelors Candidates**

Accounting, Applied Health Sciences, Biological Sciences, Business Management, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Environmental Studies, Exercise Science, Geosciences, Health Information Management and Technology, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics, Nursing, Physics, Psychology, Sport Management, and Sustainable Management

**Masters Candidates**

Business Administration, Applied Molecular Biology, Computer and Information Systems, and Sustainable Management

## 2:30PM CEREMONY *(Doors open at 1:30pm)*

**College of Arts and Humanities & College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies**

**Bachelors Candidates**

Art, Communication, Criminal Justice, English, Geography, Graphic Design, History, International Studies, Liberal Studies, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Spanish, and Theatre Arts

## WHERE TO GO

**Degree Candidates** should report to the Fieldhouse in the Sports & Activity Center to check-in, pick-up name cards and assemble for the Commencement Procession.

**All Guests** should go directly to the DeSimone Gymnasium.

## GUESTS

- ⌘ **No tickets** are required for guests attending the ceremony. There is a **limit of 6 guests** per degree candidate.
- ⌘ Doors will open 1 hour prior to the ceremony which will last approximately 90 minutes.
- ⌘ Guests should go directly to the gymnasium and be seated to alleviate congestion in the hallways and aisles.
- ⌘ Guests are asked to remain seated during the ceremony.
- ⌘ **A reception for graduates and guests** will follow the ceremony in Main Place of Wyllie Hall.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DEGREE CANDIDATES OR GUESTS

The DeSimone Gymnasium is primarily bleacher seating. Degree candidates or guests who require special accommodations for the ceremony should notify the Office of the Registrar by email no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please email [graduation@uwp.edu](mailto:graduation@uwp.edu) to request consideration.

## GRADUATION VS. COMMENCEMENT

Graduation – The process of being awarded **an official degree**. To be awarded a degree, candidates are required to apply for graduation. A final degree audit must be completed before a degree is officially awarded and this will not happen until **AFTER** the commencement ceremony.

Commencement – The ceremony is recognition by the University, family and friends of the expected degree achievement. *A.K.A - “Walking across the stage”*

**Actual degrees and diplomas are NOT awarded at the commencement ceremony.**

## CAPS AND GOWNS - “ACADEMIC REGALIA”

**All Candidates** must wear appropriate regalia **in their entirety** to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Bachelors Degree Candidate Regalia may be purchased from the Campus Bookstore (includes cap, gown, and tassel). **No fitting is necessary**. Please make sure you have a tassel with your cap as we do not have extras.

Masters Degree Candidate Regalia must be rented through the Campus Bookstore (includes cap, gown, tassel and hood). **Fittings are necessary and should be done by April 24th** in the Campus Bookstore.

Orders after April 24th will be charged a service fee and delivery is not guaranteed.

## SENIOR SEND-OFF DAYS    April 6<sup>th</sup> (11am-1pm) or April 7<sup>th</sup> (4pm-6pm) - Student Center Bridge

Purchase caps, gowns, invitations, rings; have your picture taken; meet with financial aid; verify degree audit and so much more. Enjoy food, drinks and even receive a gift!

## GRADUATING WITH HONORS

**University Academic Honors GPA Requirements** (including transfer grades):

Cum Laude 3.50 - 3.69    Magna Cum Laude 3.70 - 3.89    Summa Cum Laude 3.90 - 4.00

- ∞ Academic Honors for commencement is based upon grades earned **PRIOR** to spring semester.
- ∞ The final section of your DARS titled “Degree GPA” lists the GPA used to award Academic Honors.  
*The Parkside cumulative GPA in SOLAR is based on Parkside coursework only and is NOT used for academic honors.*
- ∞ Only University Academic Honors Cords will be distributed to eligible graduates at commencement check-in.
- ∞ Other cords may be distributed by the department/organization recognizing the honors.
- ∞ Final official University Academic Honors are determined during the final degree audit after spring grades are posted and will appear on your transcript and on your diploma.

## DIPLOMAS

**Only diploma covers are received on stage** at the commencement ceremony. Diplomas will be ordered after your final degree audit is complete and will be mailed to you mid to late July (*approximately*). Diploma covers may be picked-up after commencement (only if you did not attend) at the Office of the Registrar - Wyllie D189.

## INVITE A SPECIAL FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER

Many of our graduates have told us that there is a special person at Parkside who has really made a difference in their education. If someone has made your educational experience special, please send him/her a note and a personal invitation to attend Commencement.

