



April 23, 2024
Commencement Notes

It's almost time for Graduation! Are you counting down the days? Here are a few reminders to help the day run more smoothly.

COMMENCEMENT DAY SCHEDULE, Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Triangle Lawn on Bryan Hill

- 7:30 a.m.** **Check In** – BCR/BCO Mercer 2nd floor Lobby
- 8:00 a.m.** **Rehearsal** on the Triangle, weather permitting.
This will take approximately 45 minutes
- 8:45 a.m.** **Robing**
- BCOonline Mercer 116, 110, 242
 - BCResidential Dorms and Mercer 241, 322
- 9:00 a.m.** **Lineup** - Procession line forms in the hallway of second floor of Mercer Hall:
Look for your assigned color grouping! (You will get that the day of.)
- Administration and Faculty – two rows in North Hall (toward dorms)
 - Graduates – two rows behind the Faculty extending into the South Hall (toward Common Grounds)
MA, MBA, MEd, BA, BBA (restrooms side)
BS, BSE, AS (elevator side)
- 9:30 a.m.** **Processional to Commencement Ceremony** on the Triangle Lawn.
The program will include the processional, an invocation, Scripture reading, special music, awards, a Golden Grad speaker, Commencement speaker, conferral of degrees, singing of the Alma Mater, a benediction, and the recessional.
- There will be a live stream of the ceremony on the Bryan website, www.bryan.edu.**

DRESS: The following is required dress for all Commencement participants:

Men: Dark pants, tie, dress shirt, dark socks, dark shoes; no sports shoes or socks. A suit coat is not worn under academic regalia.

Women: Nice dress, “dressy” blouse and skirt, or dark slacks and blouse; dark shoes. Flowers, jewelry and other adornments are not worn on or over academic regalia.

Hats should be squared on top of head with tassels on the right for those who have not yet been awarded the degree. Those who receive their degrees will be asked to move their tassels to the left side after the President awards the degrees. In order to maintain the appropriate dignity of the occasion, **graduation caps are NOT to be decorated in any way.**

After everyone has processed to the assigned places, all should remain standing for the invocation. Men should remove their hats for the invocation. They may wear them again until it is time for the benediction, when they are removed again. Hats should be worn for the recessional.

PLAN for INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Live ceremony will be moved to Rudd Auditorium. We will announce this on Wednesday, May 1st. Please look to your email for specific instructions and TICKET links. This live ceremony will consist of graduates, faculty, and ticketed guests. All other guests may watch via live stream at the following locations across campus: Latimer Dining Hall, and Osborne Hall. If your family member does not have a ticket, they will be directed to one of the livestream locations.

Students will be emailed a link to get their guest tickets through EventBrite ONLY if there is a need to move the ceremony inside due to inclement weather.

VESPERS

There will be a Vespers service on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 7:30 pm in Rudd Auditorium. This service has been planned by the residential students and all graduate candidates are invited to attend. There will be a reception immediately following Vespers in the Latimer Dining Hall. Friends and family are invited to Vespers and the reception.

If you have any questions about the Commencement Ceremony or activities, please contact Jennifer Travis in Mercer 209, at jennifer.travis@bryan.edu or 423-775-7200.