

College of Arts and Architecture Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, May 9, 2020

1:00 pm

Eisenhower Auditorium



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Congratulations on your impending graduation!

As we prepare for this year's commencement ceremony in Arts and Architecture to be held on Saturday, May 9th at 1:00pm in Eisenhower Auditorium, we ask that you please stop by the Academic Affairs & Outreach Office (room 104 Borland Building) between **April 22 and May 6, 2020 8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday-Friday**, to complete the following:

1. Confirm your seat on the graduation list
2. Receive a small gift of a Penn State Alumni lapel pin
3. Receive the name card you will need for the commencement ceremony (nomenclator and photographer)
4. Receive academic honor cord (if applicable). To determine if you are graduating with distinction, please check the following Registrar's link: <http://www.registrar.psu.edu/graduation/distinction.cfm>

To learn more about the honor cords, click here:

<http://news.psu.edu/story/400167/2016/03/28/academics/penn-state-celebrate-graduates-academic-military-success-honor>

5. Complete a short graduation survey indicating your post-graduation plans (on a bank of computers set up specifically for this purpose)

We will also be **randomly awarding ten, \$50 Visa gift cards** to students that visit and complete the survey. The purpose of the survey is to let us know if your current intentions are to enter the job market, continue your education, travel, or do something else. By participating, your responses will be included with hundreds of your classmates and will help enhance the experiences of current and future Penn State students. Please know that your personal information will be kept completely confidential.

If you are engaged in student teaching or other approved off-campus coursework that precludes you from coming by in person, we request that you please contact the Academic Affairs & Outreach Office by emailing Linda Wheeland (ljw2@psu.edu) to confirm your participation in the ceremony.

We look forward to your making contact and the opportunity to personally congratulate you on this important milestone.

INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES

CEREMONY DETAILS: The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.

Preceding the commencement ceremony, you are invited to Dean Carpenter's reception with your fellow graduates and families at The Korner Tower Terrace between the Theatre and Stuckeman Family Buildings starting at 10:30 a.m., to enjoy music and refreshments and beverages before the traditional processional to Eisenhower Auditorium at 12:20 pm.

Tickets are *not* required to attend the gathering or graduation in Eisenhower Auditorium.

10:30 am–12:15 pm - Reception at the The Korner Tower Terrace (located between Theatre and Stuckeman Bldg)

NOON - Please be in your cap and gown. Student Marshals will carry banners from various units.

12:20 pm - Marshals and graduating seniors proceed to Eisenhower Auditorium in an informal procession led by the Penn State Dixieland Combo. Faculty and guests follow in the procession.

12:30 pm - The graduates enter the building and go to the appropriate corridor. If you misplace your nomenclator card, a replacement can be obtained in the side corridor of the Eisenhower Auditorium prior to the ceremony.

Guests enter the building and are seated in the auditorium. Seating will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets are not required and there is not a guest limit for the College of Arts & Architecture ceremony. Admittance into the Auditorium will be permitted about 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.

1:00 pm - Graduation ceremony begins. (Approximately 90 minutes in length)

ACADEMIC DRESS: Academic dress or the uniform of one of the U.S. Armed Forces is customary. Students receiving commissions in the armed forces will stand with their classmates when the academic degree is conferred, and also when receiving acknowledgment as a group. Candidates for the baccalaureate and associate degrees should wear the tassel of the cap on the right front edge. Due to the formality of this occasion and safety concerns regarding walking on the steps and stage, please wear appropriate footwear; flip flops, clogs and loose-fitting shoes are not recommended. In addition, it is requested that men wear slacks and a dress shirt with tie. For women, slacks with a blouse, or a dress is appropriate. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students may order and purchase their caps, gowns, and personalized announcements from the Penn State Bookstore. You will need to allow at least 2–3 weeks for processing printed announcements. If you need assistance, please contact the Penn State Bookstore at 814-863-3589 or 814-863-2512.

PLEASE NOTE: *Ornamentation representing honorary societies or nationalities is not approved attire for Penn State academic ceremonies. Wearing the Schreyer Honor College medal is welcomed.*

NAME CARD: Name cards will be distributed between April 22 and May 6, 2020 8:30 am – 3:30 pm in 104 Borland. We will notify you via your Penn State email mid-April regarding the details of the name card distribution and how to confirm your graduation. Please be sure to watch for this important email announcement. When you receive your name card make sure to fill out the back of the card even if you think you won't be interested in purchasing photos and bring the card to the Commencement Ceremony (please do not fold the card). The card will be collected before you cross the stage. (If you misplace the card, a replacement can be obtained in the side corridor of the Eisenhower Auditorium from a staff member prior to the ceremony).

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographers from GradImages™ will be at each commencement ceremony to take photographs of students as they individually approach, cross and exit the stage. If you are interested in being contacted by GradImages™, with an offer for a free 5 x 7 and an opportunity to purchase additional photos, please provide your U.S. mailing and email addresses on the reverse side of the name card. GradImages™ will email you soon after graduation.

DIPLOMA: Diploma's will be mailed approximately four to six weeks after graduation to the graduates' permanent address or LionPATH student service center diploma mailing address. For more information, visit <http://www.registrar.psu.edu/>

GRADUATING WITH DISTINCTION: All graduating seniors who have earned academic distinction are eligible to receive an academic distinction cord to wear with approved academic dress at commencement ceremonies. Students who are graduating Summa Cum Laude will receive a blue and white cord, students who are graduating Magna Cum Laude will receive a blue cord, and students who are graduating Cum Laude will receive a white cord. Students will receive notification on how to receive their academic distinction cords from their college or campus.

Questions regarding academic distinction cords should be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs within your college or campus. Levels are determined by the cumulative GPA at the end of the Fall 2019 semester. If students earn a higher level once final grades are received, then adjustments will be made. **Please note, if you are granted to graduate with distinction after February 27, 2020 your name will not be listed in the program.**

To determine if you are graduating with distinction, please check the following Registrar's link <http://www.registrar.psu.edu/graduation/distinction.cfm>



*Image: Meaghan Cafferty
Academic distinction and military honor cords will be provided to eligible students for spring 2019 commencement ceremonies University-wide*

MILITARY HONOR CORDS: All graduating seniors who are military veterans, currently serving on active duty, in the reserve, or National Guard, or who will be granted a commission obtained through Penn State Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) are eligible to receive a red, white and blue cord to wear with approved academic dress at commencement ceremonies. Those personnel who have already been granted priority registration status are automatically eligible for an honor cord and may visit or contact (814-863-0465) the Office of Veteran's Programs at 325 Boucke Building during normal business hours to receive it. ROTC personnel may pick up their honor cord from their ROTC representative/office. Those personnel who have not been granted priority registration, please visit this website for instructions on required proof of service and where to submit the required documentation: <http://equity.psu.edu/veterans/priorreghonorcord>

TRANSCRIPTS: For ordering transcripts, please visit <http://www.registrar.psu.edu>.

GRADUATES WITH DISABILITIES: Penn State encourages graduates with disabilities to participate in its commencement ceremonies. It is very important that you notify Linda Wheeland, lhw2@psu.edu, or by phone 865-9523, by April 18th, if you anticipate needing any type of special accommodation or have questions about accessibility.

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES: Penn State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you or your guests anticipate needing any type of special accommodations at the Eisenhower Auditorium or have questions about the physical access provided, please call Kelly Kaiserian at (814)865-4727.

LODGING/LOCAL INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: For a complete listing of overnight accommodations for commencement, area restaurants, and driving directions and maps, please contact the Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitor Bureau <http://www.visitpennstate.org>, or call 800-358-5466 or 814-231-1400. The Bureau does not take reservations but will provide information.

PARKING: Parking is available in the Eisenhower Parking Deck (no charge). Additional parking is available on campus. **Please see the next page for parking information at Eisenhower Auditorium.**

If there are any questions after reviewing the parking information, please contact the University Parking Office by phone at (814) 865-1436 or by email at parking@psu.edu.

QUESTIONS:

Additional information is available on the University's commencement Website at <http://commencement.psu.edu/> . If you have questions not covered above or on the University's commencement site, please contact Angela Smith ajf7@psu.edu or call 814-865-9523.

Eisenhower Auditorium Commencement Parking Information

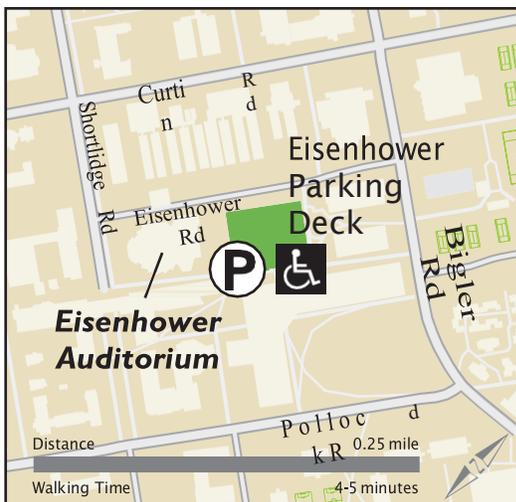
Visitors attending commencement ceremonies at Eisenhower Auditorium are directed to park at the adjacent Eisenhower Parking Deck, which are each located on Eisenhower Road. General and ADA parking is available on each level of the deck, with elevator access located at the south corner.

Traffic Advisory for Saturday Ceremonies

With heavy traffic expected on the east side of campus throughout the day on Saturday due to commencement ceremonies being held at the Bryce Jordan Center, those attending ceremonies at Eisenhower are advised of the following travel recommendations:

- Drivers are urged to avoid the Park Avenue exits from Routes 220 and 322, as well as University Drive, and instead should use the Route 322 Business exits at the south and north ends of Atherton Street to travel to campus.
- From Atherton Street, drivers are encouraged to approach Eisenhower Auditorium from the west side of campus, using Park Avenue or Curtin Road to reach Shortlidge Road or Bigler Road, where vehicles will then travel south to Eisenhower Road to reach Eisenhower Auditorium and the Eisenhower Deck.

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



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