Preparing for Commencement 2019

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Agenda

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Planning Tips

• Make sure your student has:
  – Applied to graduate on myNortheastern Student Portal
    • Eligible students received an email in October from the Registrar’s Office with instructions on how to access the application and apply. This application is required for all graduates.
  – Reviewed ceremony details
    • The ceremony will be at the TD Garden in Boston.
    • Students need to report at 7:15 a.m.
  – Met financial obligations
    • Current balance and payment plan balances must be paid in full in order to receive their diploma.
Planning Tips
Cap and Gown Pick Up

• Academic regalia (cap, tassel, gown) is provided at no cost to students and may be kept as a memento

• 2019 pick up schedule:
  – Friday, April 26: 10am – 6pm
  – Monday, April 28: 10am – 7pm
  – Tuesday, April 29: 10am – 7pm
Ceremony Details

• Friday, May 3, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.
• TD Garden, Boston, MA
• 3,900 students will be graduating
• Doors will open for guests at 7:15 a.m.
  – Ticket is required for entry
• Student procession begins at 9:05 a.m.
• Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m.
• Ceremony is approximately 2.5 hours

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Ceremony Details

TD Garden Policies

**ALL ITEMS** brought into the arena are subject to inspection. The following items **are not permitted** in the arena:

- Large bags, backpacks, or briefcases
- Food and beverages (concessions will be open)
- Laptop computers and tablets
- Wrapped gifts; balloons
- Professional cameras, cameras with detachable lenses, video cameras
- Selfie sticks
- Large banners
- **And more!**

Please review the complete venue security policy in full: [tdgarden.com/venue-info/policies](http://tdgarden.com/venue-info/policies)
Guest Tickets

- 4 electronic guest tickets will be available online to qualifying candidates through the myNortheastern portal
- Access to tickets will open at the beginning of April
  - Students will receive instructions by email
  - Please make sure your student gives you their tickets prior to the ceremony. There is no will call window, and admission is by ticket only. Tickets can be emailed in advance.
- Extra tickets are not available
- Unable to attend?
  - Ceremony will be live-streamed on the Northeastern homepage: northeastern.edu
Parking

- Parking availability in the TD Garden area is VERY limited
- We highly recommend public transportation to travel to the TD Garden
  - Visit MBTA.com for schedules and detailed information
- TD Garden parking locations:
  - tdgarden.com/plan-your-visit/directions-parking
- Handicapped accessible parking
  - Available in specified spaces at garages near TD Garden
    - A valid sticker or hang tag is needed for handicapped parking and these spaces are available on a limited basis.
  - Parking garages may be located a distance from the facility
  - It is advisable that you provide a wheelchair for your guest if they have any mobility issues
- Parking will NOT be available on campus
Hotels

- Make hotel reservations early!
- You can find nearby hotel information here:
  - [northeastern.edu/commencement/hotel-information/](northeastern.edu/commencement/hotel-information/)
Commencement Photos

- A photographer will be available during the cap and gown distribution to take graduate portraits.
- Photographers will also be at the ceremony.
- Proofs, with information on ordering photos, will be mailed to all degree candidates immediately following the ceremony.
- For more details: Grad Images gradimages.com
CommencementFest

• Sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations
• Thursday, May 2, 2019
  Centennial Common
  5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

• CommencementFest is a complimentary reception held rain or shine - your student does need to register at:
  events.attend.com/f/1383788539
  – This fun, celebratory event held on Centennial Common gives our graduates time with their families, in a festive setting, and allows them to connect with their fellow classmates, faculty, and staff. Heavy hors d’oeuvres and mocktails will be served with a great variety of memory-making experiences to be had!

• Questions? Contact Adrianne Denenberg:
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College and Department Ceremonies

• In addition to the University-wide undergraduate ceremony on Friday, May 3, some colleges and departments may be holding graduation celebrations.

• Check out our website for each of these events:
  – northeastern.edu/commencement/college-and-department-events-undergraduate/

• This page is updated as event information from colleges/departments is received.
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