

2023 End of Year and Graduation Information

Responsibilities in Advance of Ceremony

Obligations:

- Technology – must return the computer that was issued to the individual
 - HP - \$900
 - Chromebook - \$229
 - Chargers (for either model) - \$40
- Textbooks
- Library books
- Athletic Uniforms
- **All obligations are due by 5/19.** Devices and chargers turned in during lunch shifts the week of 5/15 - 5/19 in the cafeteria.

Family Needs Form:

- This form will be live on Friday, 5/5 at 12:00 PM and accessible through the THS Senior Counseling Schoology page.
- **With your graduate**, please provide as much information as you are able to regarding your family's needs so that we can coordinate with the SECU staff and seek to accommodate as best as possible.
- This form includes *submission for pronunciation of graduate's name (part 1), accessibility accommodations (part 2), potential optional footwear prior to the ceremony (3), and ticket allocation needs (part 4).*
- **Must be completed by Friday, May 12 at 5:00 PM.**

Graduation Practices (7:45 AM – 10:30AM):

- Tuesday, May 30th: Auditorium
 - Breakfast
 - Confirmation of name pronunciation
 - Cap and Gown Pickup
 - Ticket Pickup
 - Run through of expectations
 - Lineup and order, run-through of descriptions of processional
- Wednesday, May 31st: Turf Field
 - Line up and order
 - Multiple lineups for processing
 - Full run-through, inclusive of receiving of diplomas

DATE AND TIME

The processional begins PROMPTLY at 10:00 AM on June 1, 2023.
Arrive at the Old Arena (the Towson Center) NO LATER THAN 8:30 AM. Early is on time.

To be eligible to walk, you MUST be in line by 9:30 AM.

Reminders

- ❖ We want to make this an outstanding event for everyone involved. To allow for this, please be respectful of others, as appropriate behavior is ALWAYS expected.

Preparation Guidelines for Graduates

- ❖ Attire:
 - Dress pants, skirts, and dresses acceptable and/or dress shirt – ties optional
 - No shorts
- ❖ THERE WILL BE A LOT OF STANDING AND WALKING AS WE ORGANIZE – wear comfy shoes (still dressy and ceremony appropriate).
 - If there are any concerns, please contact Ms. Falatko, Ms. Hancock, or Mrs. Wright.
- ❖ Arrive with gown unzipped for verification of appropriate dress.
- ❖ CAPS AND GOWNS ARE MANDATORY TO WALK
 - Take your gown out of the packaging and let it hang for 24-36 hours prior to Graduation in order to minimize wrinkles.
- ❖ Check in with your teacher line leader upon arrival – look for the corresponding sign from Graduation practice.

CAPS

- ❖ Worn flat on the head (see image) - fastened with bobby pins if necessary.
- ❖ Nothing written, taped, or glued to the cap.
- ❖ ONE Tassel is worn on the right side (moved to the left once you have received your diploma).



POSSESSIONS DURING PROCESSIONAL

- ❖ You may NOT carry anything during the processional.
- ❖ Please leave all personal items with your family and guests.
- ❖ THERE IS NO PLACE TO STORE THESE ITEMS. You cannot leave anything in the staging room (Towson Center), as you will not be allowed in after the ceremony.

Parking

- ❖ Graduates and guests can park in lots 4, 5, 6, and 8. TU event staff is confirming the best process for shuttles but they have historically used lot 8 for accessibility parking.

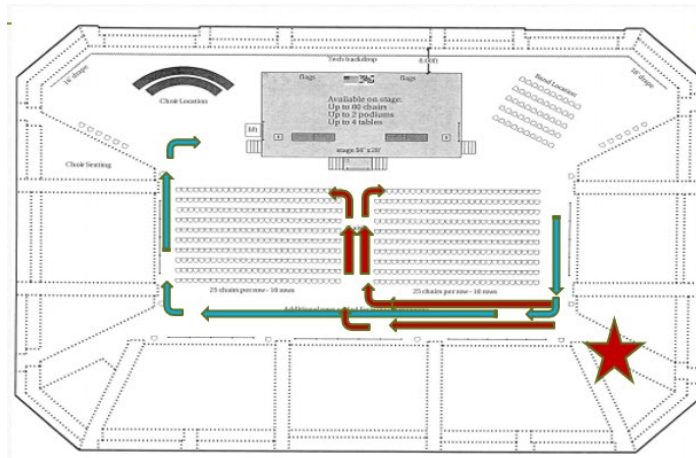


Guests

- ❖ EVERY GUEST NEEDS A TICKET! Infants, grandparents, mom, dad, personal care assistants, etc.
 - No ticket, no entry, no exceptions.
 - Families who are eligible for additional tickets will be able to pick them up at one of the gates the morning of Graduation. Should your family be provided with this, you will receive supplemental information.
- ❖ TU security will be wandering EVERYONE who comes in.
 - Bags larger than 22 X 12 X 8 will NOT be allowed. They will check sizes if there are any questions.
 - If it does not meet the requirements, it will NOT be allowed.
- ❖ Families will need to part ways with the graduate upon arrival so that graduates can line up for procession.
- ❖ Once the processional begins, doors will be closed, and no guests admitted.
- ❖ Balloons, air horns, food, and beverages are not permitted in the arena.
- ❖ No flash pictures, guests are to remain in their seats, camera lenses bigger than 8 inches are not allowed.

SECU Arena Floor Plan

- ❖ Once we can confirm a complete list of graduates, we will be able to ascertain lineups and families can better plan seating based on where the graduate will be processing and sitting.



Livestreaming and Language Accessibility of Ceremonies

- ❖ BCPS-TV plans on live streaming our graduation ceremony taking place at SECU Arena. In addition, those graduations will also be available LIVE on BCPS-TV and re-broadcast on BCPS-TV.
- ❖ For the first time, BCPS will be providing both English and Spanish subtitles on the Jumbotron.

Graduation Pictures

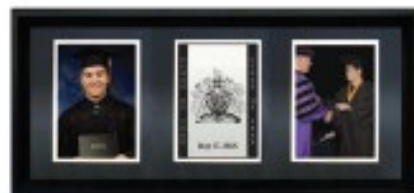
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