

# SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

**Saturday - May 12, 2018**

**DeSimone Gymnasium - Sports & Activities Center**

## **9:30AM CEREMONY** *(Doors open at 8:30am)*

### **College of Business, Economics and Computing & College of Arts and Humanities**

**Associate Degree Candidates:** Financial Economics and Liberal Studies & Leadership

**Baccalaureate Degree Candidates:** Accounting, Art, Business Management, Communication, Computer Science, Economics, English, Graphic Design, Liberal Studies, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Music, Spanish, and Theatre Arts

**Masters Degree Candidates:** Business Administration, and Computer and Information Systems

## **2:00PM CEREMONY** *(Doors open at 1:00pm)*

### **College of Natural and Health Sciences & College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies**

#### **Baccalaureate and Associate Degree Candidates**

**Associate Degree Candidates:** Laboratory Sciences, Military & Security Studies, Physics and Professional Studies

**Baccalaureate Degree Candidates:** Applied Health Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Education, Environmental Studies, Criminal Justice, Exercise Science, Geography, Geosciences, Health Information Management & Technology, History, International Studies, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics, Nursing, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Sport Management, and Sustainable Management

**Masters Degree Candidates:** Applied Molecular Biology, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Health & Wellness Management, Sport Management and Sustainable Management

## **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.
- ∞ **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”*

## 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). **You must order your regalia NO LATER than April 1st**. Orders after April 1st are not guaranteed.

**You may not participate in the commencement ceremony without full regalia.**

## GRADUATION SEND-OFF    April 4<sup>th</sup> (11am-1pm) or April 5<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 get everything done in one place!

## GRADUATING WITH UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS

**University Baccalaureate Academic Honors GPA Requirements** (including all transfer courses):

Cum Laude 3.500 – 3.699    Magna Cum Laude 3.700 – 3.899    Summa Cum Laude 3.900 – 4.000

**University Graduate Academic Honors GPA Requirements** (including all transfer courses):

with Distinction 3.830 – 4.000

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

## 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.

