

FAQ'S FOR PARENTS ABOUT GRADUATION

Graduation Attire:

Your Academic Regalia is the appropriate attire for the occasion. This includes: a black academic gown, hood, and mortarboard with no personal accessories. Please refrain from posting any messages on your mortarboard. Student members of approved academic honorariums for Commencement may wear their insignia or honor cord of that academic honorary. *Flowers, personal jewelry, pins or cords from social fraternities or sororities are not to be worn on academic robes.* (See approved list below/Academic Honors). Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in students being removed from the Commencement line-up. Regalia (caps and gowns) may be ordered at www.oakwood.shopoakhalli.com. **Payments must be submitted by March 8, 2019.**

What are the qualifications to graduate with honors?

In order to graduate with honors, students must meet the following GPA requirements

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| Honorable Mention | Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 |
| Cum Laude | Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 |
| Magna Cum Laude | Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 |
| Summa Cum Laude | Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.90 |

What do the tassel colors mean?

Golden Yellow — Allied Health, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics & Computer Science
Drab — Business Information Systems & Adult and Continuing Education
Crimson — Communication & Arts
Light Blue — Education
White — Art, English, History & Political Science
Maroon — Family and Consumer Science and Dietetics
Silver — General Studies
Sage Green — Health and Physical Education
Pink — Music
Gold — Psychology
Scarlet — Theology and Religion
Citron — Social Work

When are diplomas mailed?

Diplomas will be mailed out on **June 30, 2019**. Please call the Registrar's office for more information.

Approved Academic Honors

Students graduating with university-wide and academic honors who are members of the following organizations may wear the cords, ribbons, etc., described below, on their robes at Commencement:

Honor Cords — Gold Cords (Three-Summa Cum Laude; Two-Magna Cum Laude; One-Cum Laude)

Honor Medallions — White, Blue, Green and Gold Ribbons

Academic Departmental Medallions and Cords

Officers Cords — TBD

Presidential Medallions — Blue Ribbon

Alpha Chi National University Honor Scholarship Society —Navy Blue and Green Cords

Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) National Biological Honor Society —Green and Red Cords

Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society — Gold and Purple Cords

Kappa Delta Pi

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International —Purple and Gold Cords

Phi Alpha National Honor Society

The Official Class Kente Shawl

Where is the location for the Line-Up and Processional for the Consecration Service?

Students should report to the Monument to Service located at the center of the University campus on Friday evening at 7:00pm sharp. There will be Graduation Attendants to assist you. The line will move promptly at 7:15pm.

Where is the location for the Line-Up and Procession for the Baccalaureate and Commencement services?

Students should report to their designated line-up area in the VBC, East Hall no later than 9:45am (Baccalaureate) and no later than 7:00pm (Commencement).

The procession will begin prior to the start of the ceremony—Please be on time! The Marching Card indicates your number in line and there will be University staff to assist with the line-up. Your Marching Card is the key to receiving your diploma jacket. ***NO CARD, NO MARCHING and NO DIPLOMA JACKET.***

The marching card is required at all three services (Consecration, Baccalaureate and Commencement).

Driving Directions and Parking:

Visit the Von Braun Center (VBC) website for driving directions, <http://www.vonbrauncenter.com/>. Parking is available in lots adjacent to the VBC (Nominal fees of: City Parking Deck \$5/Across from the VBC; South Hall Parking \$10.00; and North Hall Parking \$10.00).

Is there a limit to how many family members and guests can attend the Commencement service?

Currently, no tickets are required for Commencement. There is no limit to the number of family and guests attending. Guests are strongly encouraged to refrain from excessively loud forms of expression during the presentation of degrees in order to maintain proper decorum and to allow for the appropriate recognition of the other graduates. Cow bells, air horns, whistles, and other noisemakers are strictly prohibited. Due to lack of space in the East Hall, guests should go directly to the arena. The arena will open Saturday night at 6:00pm. Seating arrangements at the VBC is first come, first serve seating. ***There is no reserved seating in the VBC;***

seating accommodations will be made only for those persons with special disabilities. (See Special Disability Needs below).

Special Disability Needs

For special disability needs for Baccalaureate and Commencement, please contact Von Braun Center personnel: <http://www.vonbrauncenter.com/> or 256-533-1953

Who is the official photographer for graduation?

Lifetouch Special Events - The Commencement Committee has arranged to have photographers at the ceremony to take high quality photographs as you receive your diploma. Proofs will be mailed to you within seven days after Commencement. There is no obligation to purchase the finished prints. If you order photographs, the prints will be delivered within 2-3 weeks. The Lifetouch Special Events photographer is the only photographer authorized by the University to sell photographs to the graduates. Photos will be online at www.events.lifetouch.com one week after the ceremony.