

**SPRING 2016 COMMENCEMENT
COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS**

Saturday, May 7, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Bryce Jordan Center

NO REHEARSAL is scheduled for commencement and TICKETS are **not** required.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEATING CHART

- ◆ **Please pay special attention to the enclosed seating chart.** It is very important to sit in the section designated for your major. Failure to do so will result in your name being called with the incorrect major.

NOMENCLATOR CARDS

- ◆ **You must bring your nomenclator card (enclosed) with you to commencement and must carry it with you to the stage.** Please be sure to fill out the back of the card as this is how *GradImages* will contact you regarding the photos taken at commencement.
- ◆ Please do not fold or alter the card in any way. When this happens, cards may stick together and, as a result, your name might not be called.
- ◆ If your name is pronounced differently than written or is frequently mispronounced by others, please write the phonetic pronunciation of your name (only) directly above it on the card we have provided. Please do not write other comments on the card as it makes it difficult for our nomenclator to read.
- ◆ If you misplace your card, **do not make a replacement card.** You may obtain another card in 5 Sparks Building through May 6th. If you need a replacement card after that date, you may obtain one immediately prior to the ceremony at the registration tables as you enter the event floor.

The following information will be helpful when planning for your commencement day. *Please share this information with your family and friends.*

GRADUATING SENIORS

- ◆ **For graduates with disabilities:** Penn State encourages **graduates** with disabilities to participate in the commencement ceremonies. It is very important that you notify Laurie Shirey in the Liberal Arts Student Services Center (814-863-0582) by April 15, 2016, if you anticipate needing any type of special accommodation or have questions about accessibility. Please see “ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION” in this handout for information regarding guests with disabilities.
- ◆ Academic regalia (i.e. cap and gown) is required. No other adornment is approved. Due to the formality of the occasion, it is suggested that men wear slacks and a dress shirt with a tie, or a suit. For women, slacks with a blouse, or a dress is appropriate. Note: flip flops or extremely high heels are *not* recommended.
- ◆ Arrive at the Bryce Jordan Center (BJC) by 5:30 p.m. attired in your cap and gown. Be sure to bring your **nomenclator card** with you. **Be in your seat by 6:00 p.m.**
- ◆ Enter the BJC through Gate B or C. Ushers will direct you to your seat on the event floor. (Your guests

may enter through any gate.) A seating chart is enclosed. Look for signs for your major on the back of the first chair in each row. You may sit in any chair in the appropriate section.

- ◆ Cell phone use is not permitted during the formal academic ceremony. If you must bring your phone to the ceremony, please turn it off before the ceremony begins.
- ◆ Diplomas are not distributed at the ceremony because graduation certification takes place the following week. Students who have completed all requirements will receive their diplomas in the mail. (Please be sure to update your permanent home address via eLion prior to commencement.)
- ◆ Remain seated in your major area until college marshals usher you to the stage during the ceremony. Students will walk across stage within their major groups. (Students in concurrent majors will cross the stage once, in their first Liberal Arts major.) Listen for your name and let the marshal at the stage know once it has been called. In this way, your friends and family will be able to see you as you walk across the stage.
- ◆ Remain seated after the ceremony until **your row** is called by University marshals. Then, you will recess in single file down the main center aisle. Prior to the ceremony, please arrange to meet your family and guests outside the BJC after the ceremony.) You will not be permitted to re-enter the main event area.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ Departments will be having pre-commencement receptions in the afternoon on graduation day. You should have received or will soon receive an invitation to your department's reception. Please respond to the request by the deadline indicated.
- ◆ **No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted anywhere in the BJC.**
- ◆ Traffic may be congested on commencement day due to other ceremonies on campus; therefore, we recommend that you plan to be in the vicinity of the Bryce Jordan Center by 5:30 p.m., in order to find parking. Please do not arrive any earlier than this as you may disrupt an earlier ceremony already in progress.
- ◆ Parking for Penn State commencement ceremonies being held at the Bryce Jordan Center will be available at Lot 44, Stadium West and Porter North. To manage the significant congestion expected around the Bryce Jordan Center, Medlar Field, Beaver Stadium, and University Drive, traffic and parking will be managed by filling alternating lots for each commencement ceremony. Drivers will be directed to the appropriate lot by University Police and event parking staff based on the traffic and parking conditions at the time of their arrival. Please use caution while traveling through this area of campus and allow extra time to reach your destination. There is no fee for parking.
- ◆ **Parking for guests with disabilities:** ADA parking will be available at the section of Lot 44 near Gate B, just across from the All-Sports Museum, and at the first row of spaces along Curtin Road at Stadium West, across from the Bryce Jordan Ticket Center. Additional parking spaces near these areas will be designated for ADA parking to provide additional accommodations for commencement attendees. For a larger map of campus, visit <http://www.geog.psu.edu/print-campus-maps>. For directions to the Bryce Jordan Center, visit <http://www.bjc.psu.edu/Directions>.
- ◆ **Seating for guests with disabilities:** Reserved seat tickets will not be needed, but guests with disabilities should arrive by 5:30 p.m. in order to avoid the last-minute rush. Inside the Founders

Lounge entrance, ushers will be available to assist in taking individuals via elevator to the appropriate seating located on the concourse level. Due to space limitations, only one person may accompany the guest with disability in the accessible seating area. The chairs in this seating area are plastic, armless, portable chairs to allow for movement of wheelchairs. Other family members may sit in the regular seating located throughout the arena.

- ◆ Commencement is a *formal* academic ceremony. We encourage you and your guests to celebrate your graduation; however, we request that graduates and their guests behave with the decorum the occasion deserves. All families are waiting to hear the name of their individual graduate; please hold clapping and cheering until all of your classmates have marched across the stage.
- ◆ Lodging/Local Information: For a complete list of overnight accommodations for commencement, area restaurants, and driving directions and maps, please contact the Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau for assistance. The Bureau does not take reservations, but will provide information. Please visit www.centralpacvb.org, or call 800-358-5466 or 814-231-1400.
- ◆ No changing facilities are available at the BJC. Please give personal belongings (i.e. purses, cell phones, jackets, etc.) to family or friends to hold during the ceremony.
- ◆ Additional information about commencement can be found at the University's website at: <http://commencement.psu.edu/>.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!

Use #PSUgrad to share your big day with the world

**COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS
SEATING CHART**



Parking and Traffic Advisory for Saturday (May 7, 2016) Commencement Ceremonies at Eisenhower Auditorium

Visitors attending commencement ceremonies at Eisenhower Auditorium on Saturday, May 7 are directed to park at the adjacent Eisenhower Parking Deck, which are each located on Eisenhower Road.

General and ADA parking will be available at each level of the Eisenhower Deck, with elevator access located at the south corner.

With heavy traffic expected on the east side of campus throughout the day 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.

Click on the [Eisenhower Commencement Google Map](#) to view a map of the ceremony site and parking area.

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

Parking and Traffic Advisory for College of Communication Commencement Ceremony (May 7)

With a reception to be held at Pegula Ice Arena following the College of Communication commencement ceremony at the Bryce Jordan Center on Saturday, May 7, College of Communications' graduates, families, and guests are encouraged to park in the East Parking Deck, located on Bigler Road, just south of Park Avenue.

Leaving from this location following the reception will allow attendees to avoid congestion near the Jordan Center from other incoming commencement attendees, as well as from those attending the Penn State Baseball game at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park.

ADA parking for the College of Communications' commencement ceremony and reception will be available at the section of Lot Yellow H at Shields Building, which is located on Curtin Road next to Pegula and across the street from the Jordan Center.

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

Click on the [Communications Commencement Google Map](#) to view a map of the ceremony and reception sites, as well as the general and ADA parking areas.

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

Parking and Traffic Advisory for Bryce Jordan Center Commencement Ceremonies (May 7 & 8, 2016)

To manage the significant congestion expected around the Bryce Jordan Center, Medlar Field, Beaver Stadium, and University Drive during spring commencement weekend, traffic and parking will be managed by filling alternating lots for each commencement ceremony. Drivers will be directed to the appropriate lot by University Police and event parking staff based on the traffic and parking conditions at the time of their arrival. Please use caution while traveling through this area of campus and allow extra time to reach your destination.

General parking for Penn State spring commencement ceremonies being held at the Bryce Jordan Center will be available at one or more of the following parking areas, as directed by University Police and event parking staff:

Lot 44 – located east of the Bryce Jordan Center, and accessible from Porter Road (via Park Avenue or College Avenue) and Dauer Drive (via University Drive)

Stadium West – located west of Beaver Stadium, and accessible only from Park Avenue

Porter North – located north of Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, and accessible from Porter Road (via Park Avenue or College Avenue)

ADA parking will be available at the following Lot 44 and Stadium West areas:

- Northwest corner of Lot 44 near Bryce Jordan Center Gate B, across from the Penn State All-Sports Museum (accessible from intersection of Porter Road and Curtin Road)
- Section of Lot Orange L located between the Bryce Jordan Center and Lot 44 (accessible from Dauer Drive via University Drive)
- First three rows of parking in the southeast corner of Stadium West near Beaver Stadium, and the first four rows in the southwest corner of Stadium West near University Drive/Curtin Road intersection (all accessible only from Park Avenue)

To ensure the safety of all guests and to assist with traffic flow between each ceremony, drivers are discouraged from dropping off or picking up guests outside of the designated ADA parking areas. These areas are ADA accessible and located just a short distance from entrances to the Bryce Jordan Center. Curtin Road will also be closed to vehicle traffic between University Drive and the entrance to Lot 44 throughout most of the commencement ceremonies to allow safe pedestrian access between Stadium and the Bryce Jordan Center.

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

Click on the [BJC Commencement Google Map](#) to view a map of the commencement ceremony site, as well as the general and ADA parking areas.

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Congrats GRAD

As a new college graduate, you're taking the next steps on your professional and personal journeys. But to handle the bumps on those journeys, you also need health insurance.

ONE LESS WORRY

Many of you will get health insurance through your jobs. If you don't get a job right away, you can stay on your parents' plan until you turn 26. And if that's not an option, you can go to HealthCare.gov and choose a plan in the Health Insurance Marketplace. That means you'll have one less thing to worry about as you head out into the world.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

To get coverage outside of the Open Enrollment Period, which starts **November 1st, 2016 – January 31st, 2017**, you must be losing current coverage (like student health insurance) in order to enroll using a Special Enrollment Period within 60 days from losing coverage.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS

All Marketplace plans cover a comprehensive set of benefits, including physician visits, preventive care, hospital stays, and prescriptions. No one can be turned away from the Marketplace based on a pre-existing condition, and most people will get help paying for premiums or get a free or low cost plan.

MEDICAID COVERAGE

When you fill out a Marketplace application, you'll find out if you qualify for coverage through Medicaid. Medicaid is a combined state and federal program that provides coverage to people with limited income.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE IN 2016?

If you can afford health insurance, but you don't have it in 2016, you may have to pay a fee. There's no special student exemption. However, you won't have to pay the fee if you have a limited income and you don't have to file a federal tax return.

To ensure everyone knows how to #GetCovered, you can help us spread the word via @HealthCareGov. Visit HealthCare.gov or call the **Marketplace Call Center** at **1-800-318-2596** to learn more. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.