

UNIVERSITY *of* PENNSYLVANIA



CLASS OF
2018



Save the Date

262nd COMMENCEMENT

May 14, 2018



Dear graduating students, parents and guests,

A Penn tradition more than two and a half centuries old, Commencement is a cherished celebration of our students' high achievements. I warmly invite you to join us on May 14 for what will be another historic and joyous occasion.

Sincerely,

The University of Pennsylvania's 262nd Commencement

The ceremony will feature the conferral of degrees, the awarding of honorary degrees, greetings by University officials and a Commencement speaker, to be announced. Candidates for degrees in May 2018, as well as those who have completed degree requirements in August or December 2017, are encouraged to attend Commencement and to march in the procession. Academic regalia is required. Information about academic regalia will be provided early in 2018. [Read more...](#)

Monday, May 14, 2018

*Franklin Field, 33rd and South Streets
Gates will open at 8:30 a.m.*

Degree candidates will assemble in Hamilton Village (39th & Locust Walk) by 8:45 a.m. and enter Franklin Field at about 9:30 a.m. The ceremony will begin at approximately 10:15 a.m., upon the arrival of the academic procession. The ceremony will be held rain or shine. Tickets are not required. [Read more...](#)

Webcast of the Commencement Ceremony

Those unable to attend Penn's 262nd Commencement may view the ceremony live over the Internet. Coverage from Franklin Field will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 14. [Read more...](#)

Seating for Guests with Disabilities

Seating for guests who use wheelchairs and for those with limited physical mobility or medical conditions will be available on the field and in the lower stands. Information on reserving this type of seating will be available in early 2018. Commencement information materials are available in alternate format upon request. Advance notice is required. [Read more...](#)

Plan Your Visit

Graduation guests are strongly advised to make hotel and travel reservations as early as possible. Visit <https://commencement.upenn.edu/families-and-guests/planning-your-visit> for information.

School Ceremonies

In addition to the University-wide Commencement, [each school conducts its own ceremony](#) to recognize students individually. The four major undergraduate ceremonies will be held at the following times and locations:

Saturday, May 12, 2018

School of Engineering and Applied Science
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. *Palestra, 33rd Street,
just north of Franklin Field*

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Wharton Undergraduate Division
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. *Palestra, 33rd Street,
just north of Franklin Field*

School of Nursing
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. *Verizon Hall
at the Kimmel Center,
Broad and Spruce Streets*

College of Arts and Sciences
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. *Franklin Field,
33rd and South Streets*

Baccalaureate Ceremony

Sunday, May 13, 2018

1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

*Irvine Auditorium,
34th and Spruce Streets*

The Baccalaureate Ceremony is a 50- minute interfaith program that includes music, readings, prayers and a guest speaker. Two consecutive ceremonies will be held in Irvine Auditorium in order to accommodate all those who wish to attend. Students whose last names begin with A through K are invited to attend the 1:30 p.m. ceremony. Students whose last names begin with L through Z are invited to attend the 3:00 p.m. ceremony. Tickets and academic regalia are not required.

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Detailed information will be available on the Commencement website, commencement.upenn.edu, by early 2018. Additional information will be mailed in February.