



February 2019

TO: May 2019 AGS Graduates

FROM: The Office of the Vice President of Academics & Provost

To assist in planning for the coming Commencement exercises in May, included below are a number of informational items we would like to bring to your attention:

SCHEDULE for Graduation Day
Saturday, May 4, 2019
The Triangle, Bryan's Main Campus
Rudd Auditorium if inclement weather

Saturday, May 4 – COMMENCEMENT – The following schedule will be observed:

- 7:45 a.m.** **Rehearsal** will take place on The Triangle Lawn weather permitting. This will take approximately 45 minutes. *Rudd Auditorium is the alternate plan for inclement weather.*
- 9:00 a.m.** **Robing** – Resident graduates robe in the dorms. Commuters and AGS graduates robe in designated classrooms on the main level of Mercer Hall. *The alternate plan is Brock Hall in RUDD.*
- 9:15 a.m.** **Lineup** – Procession line forms in the hallways of Mercer Hall as follows:
Administration and Faculty – two rows in North Hall (toward dorms)
Masters graduates – North Hall ((toward dorms)
Bachelor of Arts graduates – North Hall (toward dorms)
Bachelor of Science graduates – South Hall (Library side)
Associate of Science graduates – South Hall (Library side)
The alternate plan is RUDD - stairwells and halls.
- 9:30 a.m.** **Processional begins** - The program will include the processional, an invocation, Scripture reading, special music, awards, a guest speaker, a student speaker chosen by fellow graduates, conferral of degrees, an alumni welcome, singing of the Alma Mater, a benediction, and the recessional.

TICKETS: A limited number of electronic tickets for parents and guests will be available for each graduate to reserve through EventBrite the week of Commencement to be used in case of inclement weather. This number will be determined by the number of graduates walking per available seats and will not be calculated until grades are posted. Should bad weather cause the ceremony to be moved inside, additional guests over the allotted number of tickets per graduate may observe the program on a large screen in the Latimer Student Center Dining Hall.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

ACADEMIC REGALIA, INVITATIONS, AND RINGS:

REGALIA – All graduates must order their own regalia; and the cost of the regalia itself is included in the graduation fee. Note, however, that all regalia will be shipped to your home and you must pay the additional shipping costs when you place your order.

Orders may be placed March 1st through April 5th at <https://buildagrad.com/BryanAGS>.

INVITATIONS AND RINGS – All graduates will also be responsible to order their own announcements and class rings at their own expense and have them shipped to their home. Please note that ring orders take 6-8 weeks, so order accordingly. To place announcement and/or class ring orders, click on the following link:

<http://www.balfour.com/tennessee/dayton/bryan-college/>

If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Dora Shelton directly at Dora.Shelton@Balfour.com or contact your Bryan College advisor.

DRESS: The following is required dress for all Commencement participants:

Men: Dark pants, tie, dress shirt, dark socks, dark shoes; no sports shoes or socks. A suit coat is not worn under academic regalia.

Women: Nice dress, “dressy” blouse and skirt, or dark slacks and blouse; dark hose and dark shoes. Flowers, jewelry and other adornments are not worn on or over academic regalia.

Hats should be squared on top of head with tassels on the right for those who have not yet been awarded the degree. Those who receive their degrees will be asked to move their tassels to the left side after the President awards the degrees. In order to maintain the appropriate dignity of the occasion, graduation caps are not to be decorated in any way.

After everyone has processed to the assigned places, all should remain standing for the invocation. Men should remove their hats for the invocation. They may wear them again until it is time for the benediction, when they are removed again. Hats should be worn for the recessional.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Your out-of-town guests will need to make hotel reservations very early. Below are some of the options available in the Dayton area:

- Best Western – 423-775-6560
- Holiday Inn Express – 1-855-914-9631
<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/dayton/dtntn/hoteldetail?ratePreference=IEB&corpld=100297134>
- Howard Johnson Motel, Spring City, TN [approximately 17 miles north of Dayton] – 423.365.9191 (Ask for the special “Bryan rate”.)
- Sleep Inn & Suites – 423-693-0963 (4450 Rhea Co. Hwy., Dayton, TN 37321)

QUESTIONS: Please contact your advisor if you have any questions regarding graduation.