



It's almost time for Graduation! Are you counting down the days? Here are a few reminders to help the day run more smoothly.

COMMENCEMENT DAY SCHEDULE, Saturday, May 6, 2023 - Triangle Lawn on Bryan Hill

7:30 a.m. Check In - BCO Mercer 1st floor Lobby

BCR Mercer 2nd Floor Lobby

Breakfast - Coffee Truck and Master Donuts, Triangle Lawn

8:00 a.m. Rehearsal on the Triangle, weather permitting.

This will take approximately 45 minutes

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- BCOnline Mercer 116, 110, 242

- BCResidential Dorms and Mercer 241, 322

9:00 a.m. Lineup - Procession line forms in the hallway of second floor of Mercer Hall:

Look for your assigned color grouping! (You will get that the day of.)

- Administration and Faculty two rows in North Hall (toward dorms)
- Graduates two rows behind the Faculty extending into the South Hall (toward Common Grounds)

MA, MBA, MEd, BA, BBA (restrooms side)

BS, BSE, AS (elevator side)

9:30 a.m. Processional to Commencement Ceremony on the Triangle Lawn.

The program will include the processional, an invocation, Scripture reading, special music, awards, a Golden Grad speaker, two student speakers, conferral of degrees, singing of the Alma Mater, a benediction, and the recessional.

There will be a live stream of the ceremony on the Bryan website, www.bryan.edu.

DRESS: The following is <u>required</u> 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 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.

PLAN for INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Live ceremony will be moved to Summers Gymnasium. We will announce this on Wednesday, May 3rd. Please look to your email for specific instructions and TICKET links. This live ceremony will consist of graduates, faculty, and ticketed guests. All other guests may watch via live stream at the following locations across campus: Latimer Dining Hall, Osborne Hall, and Rudd Auditorium. If your family member does not have a ticket, they will be directed to one of the livestream locations.

Students will be emailed a link to get their guest tickets through EventBrite ONLY if there is a need to move the ceremony inside due to inclement weather.

COMMENCEMENT LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to our first graduation luncheon following our Commencement ceremony on May 6. We are thrilled to be allowed to honor YOU, our graduates, your families and friends for the hard work and dedication that you have put in over the course of completing your degree!

The Luncheon will take place in our Latimer Dining Hall at 11:30 following the graduation ceremony. There will also be complementary campus tours beginning at 12:30 for any interested parties. Please find the details including the menu below as well as the link to purchase your Luncheon tickets. Feel free to share this with any of your guests that will be attending. Note that this is an offering outside of your meal plan and all in attendance at the luncheon will need a ticket.

Link to Menu and to Purchase Tickets:

https://bryan.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/142?access_code=00cb5ed669d047a53d9cef97264be7c552a3179f

VESPERS

There will be a Vespers service on Friday, May 5, 2023, at 7:30 pm in Rudd Auditorium. This service has been planned by the residential students and all graduate candidates are invited to attend. There will be a reception immediately following Vespers in the Latimer Dining Hall. Friends and family are invited to Vespers and the reception.

If you have any questions about the Commencement Ceremony or activities, please contact Carly McAuley in Stophel 220, at cmcauley 1337@bryan.edu, or 423-775-7210.