

Students,

Less than two weeks away from Spring Commencement 2021 in Cardinal Stadium!

Here is the latest information you need to know. Visit <http://louisville.edu/commencement> for more information and make sure to watch your email for another update next week!

TICKETS: Tickets are required for guests. Graduates are allowed a maximum of eight (8) tickets. Ticket information is posted at <https://louisville.edu/commencement/ticket-information>

ELECTRONIC CALL CARDS: On Monday, May 3rd our vendor, Name Coach, will be sending your electronic call card to the e-mail address you provided on your RSVP form. Your electronic call card will have a unique QR code that will be scanned from your phone before you cross the stage so that your name will be read by our name readers. **Make sure to bring your cell phone fully charged for Commencement!**

GRADUATE EXPRESS GATE: Gates to Cardinal Stadium open an hour before Commencement begins. Graduates are asked to be in their seats at least 10 minutes before the ceremony. To avoid delays, Gate 3 has been designated as the Graduate Express Gate. Graduates only will be allowed to enter through Gate 3. Graduates will be seated from front to back as you enter the stadium. Seats cannot be "saved." If you want to sit with someone, you must arrive together.

GUEST ENTRY: Guests may enter Cardinal Stadium from Gates 2, 4, and 5. Guests must show mobile tickets and screeners will monitor temperatures. Clear bags only are allowed and you will be asked to return other bags to your vehicle. Additional details can be found here: <https://gocards.com/sports/2018/9/7/clear-bagpolicy.aspx>. **Masks must be worn at all times in Cardinal Stadium.** Gates will open 1 hour before the ceremony.

ACCESSIBILITY: Information on accessibility and support services can be found here: <http://louisville.edu/commencement/special-needs-and-services>

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Other large events are scheduled for the area near Cardinal Stadium the same weekend. Please plan for possible traffic delays. Driving directions can be found here: <http://louisville.edu/commencement/driving-directions>

PARKING: Parking at Cardinal Stadium is free. Parking attendants will direct parking in the Bronze lots, Platinum S lot, and Purple lot A. ADA parking is available in all lots, please have your ADA placard or license plate displayed. Parking lots will open 1 ½ hours before each ceremony and must be cleared following the ceremony.

CLEAR BAG POLICY: Only clear bags are allowed in Cardinal Stadium. Guests and graduates may bring one (1) clear bag such as a 1-gallon clear Ziploc-style storage bag or a 12x6x12 inches clear tote bag. Attendees will be asked to return non-approved bags or other items to their vehicle. Additional details can be found here: <https://gocards.com/sports/2018/9/7/clear-bag-policy.aspx>

WEATHER: Ceremonies will be held rain or shine. Umbrellas, ponchos, raincoats and something to cover or wipe down wet seats are allowed. If there is severe weather, safety is our first concern: Please read our inclement weather policy here: <http://louisville.edu/commencement/inclement-weather-plan>

LIVESTREAM: Ceremonies will be livestreamed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUJOHnXYFGHDSJNTMdV95kQ/live>

T-SHIRTS: Class of 2021 graduation t-shirts are available to order here:

<https://louisville.edu/studentaffairs/forms/ubm/shirts>. Order yours by May 16!

MASTER & DOCTORAL HOODS: Jostens has informed us that they were out of stock of the red satin hood lining and substituted orders with a different color satin lining without notifying or receiving approval from the University of Louisville. We sincerely apologize for their error. Your velvet color that is reflective of your degree is correct. We are kindly asking that you wear the hood you received for the ceremony, but we are working with Jostens to make this right for you. You will receive the correct hood with proper lining from Jostens, but those orders will not be able to be produced and arrive in time for the ceremonies. Again, we are so very sorry for this error and will continue working with Jostens to make this right for you.

OTHER CAP & GOWN INQUIRIES: As of Monday, 82% of orders have shipped with the rest on track to be delivered in the coming days before the ceremony. If you submitted a late apparel request on the commencement website please plan to attend the late apparel sales event in the Student Activities Center Multi-Purpose Room A and B on Thursday, May 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Visit <http://louisville.edu/commencement> for the most updated information.

Email commence@louisville.edu with further questions.

Congratulations!

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