

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

MAY 11, 2019

Marshall University will hold two ceremonies to honor and recognize tentative May 2019 graduates at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Saturday, May 11. There will be two ceremonies, divided according to colleges (undergraduates and graduates combined).

9:00 a.m. Ceremony

Lewis College of Business Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Doctor of Management Practice and Nurse Anesthesia
College of Education & Professional Development Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Doctor of Education
College of Science Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Biomedical Sciences Graduate Students
College of Information Technology & Engineering Undergraduate and Graduate Students

2:00 p.m. Ceremony

College of Health Professions Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Doctor of Physical Therapy
College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate and Graduate Students
College of Arts and Media Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Regents Bachelor of Arts Undergraduate Students

COMMENCEMENT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Commencement ceremonies will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. **Please allow additional time for required security procedures in place at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.** Graduates must arrive at the designated space allocated to their college in the corridor of the arena (see diagram) **one hour before the ceremony.** It is imperative for you to arrive on time and not be late. **If you arrive after the processional begins, you will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony, unless there is extra seating available in a section designated for late arrivals.** We cannot emphasize enough how important and essential it is that you **arrive on time.**

There is no secure area to leave personal possessions (purses, keys, cell phones, jackets, cameras, etc.). **Please leave personal possessions with guests until after the ceremony.** Items brought to the assembly area must remain with graduates at all times. Please wear comfortable shoes as graduates will be standing and walking on hard surfaces.

Once you arrive at the designated space, faculty marshals will distribute name cards and assemble graduates for the processional. At the appropriate time, faculty marshals will lead graduates into the arena.

Doctoral Degrees

It is the custom of Marshall University to individually recognize and hood graduates of doctoral programs at Commencement. Doctoral candidates may invite advisors to participate in the hoodings.



For conferring of degrees, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Development, Dr. Teresa Eagle, will present the EdD candidates; Director of the CAMC School of Nurse Anesthesia, Dr. Nancy Tierney, will present the DMPNA candidates and Chair, School of Physical Therapy, Dr. Scott Davis, will present the DPT candidates. Degrees are conferred by President Gilbert.

Following the conferral, doctoral candidates will be invited to proceed to the stage. EdD candidates will be introduced by Dean Eagle. DMPNA candidates will be introduced by Dr. Nancy Tierney. DPT candidates will be introduced by Dr. Gretchen Pfof. Each candidate will carry their academic hood to the stage and hand the hood to advisor at the appropriate time. As name is announced, proceed to the stage right position labeled, "Candidate". Advisor will invest hood and President Gilbert will present diploma. Return to seat using center aisle.

Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

Women wear academic caps throughout the entire ceremony. Men remove academic caps at the singing of the National Anthem and replace them when the college dean rises to present the class. **Master's Degree candidates wear academic hoods throughout the ceremony.** Academic caps must be worn for conferring of degrees. The tassel should initially be over the right eye for undergraduate students. Master's degree students should have the tassel over the left eye for the entire ceremony. Faculty marshals will direct graduates to the side aisles to be presented for individual recognition. Each graduate will hand his/her name card to the reader and proceed across the platform in front of the stage. The President will shake hands with each graduate and the academic dean will present a diploma cover. A photographer will take two photographs of each graduate. Graduates return to seats using the center aisle. After the individual recognition concludes, President Gilbert will confer degrees and invite undergraduate graduates to move tassel.

After the singing of the Alma Mater, graduates are to be seated and remain seated until the platform party and faculty have recessed. **Graduates do not participate in the recessional.**

Note regarding academic honors: Honor graduates receiving Bachelor or Associate Degrees wear cords and matching tassels. Bachelor honor graduates wear green and white for Summa Cum Laude, gold for Magna Cum Laude and red for Cum Laude. Associate Degree honor graduates wear royal blue cords and tassels. Tentative May graduates are advised to verify honors eligibility with the Academic Dean's Office. Honor cords and tassels must be picked up in the Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 10. Cords and tassels are to be kept by graduates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There is ample seating in the arena for all guests who wish to attend. Tickets are not required. In order to show respect as we honor all graduates, we request that graduates and guests remain in the arena until the ceremony is over. After the faculty recessional, graduates and guests are welcome to exit the arena. Guests will not be permitted on the arena floor where the graduate seating is located during the ceremony. Arena floor access is restricted to faculty and graduates only.

SHUTTLE BUSES

Marshall University will provide shuttle buses to transport graduates and guests from campus to the Arena. Graduates and guests are encouraged to park on University lots at the 6th Avenue Parking Facility, Performing Arts Center, football stadium or across from Smith Hall (Lot F). Shuttle service will begin at 7:00 a.m. for the 9:00 a.m. ceremony. Shuttles will begin at 12:00 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. ceremony. After each Commencement, buses will transport passengers back to campus.

PARKING

Parking is available in the parking garage on Third Avenue across from the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Parking in this garage is available on weekends at no charge. Additionally, parking is available in the Pullman Square garages for a minimal fee. All three parking garages are in reasonable walking distance of the arena.



ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Graduates using wheelchairs are requested to contact the Office of the Registrar registrar@marshall.edu or 304-696-6410 prior to May 10. Accommodations will be made with the college faculty marshals.

Guests using wheelchairs are requested to enter the arena through GATE A or GATE D where accommodations have been made. Ushers are available for persons needing assistance.

Accommodations for hearing impaired graduates and/or guests will be provided by a sign language interpreter.

ACADEMIC CAP AND GOWN

All graduates participating in Commencement must wear academic regalia. Your regalia is available for purchase at the Marshall University Bookstore. If you need your regalia shipped, please contact the Marshall Bookstore at 304-696-3622 or 1-800-547-1262.

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION

Marshall University will recognize graduates with military service by issuing a special red, white and blue cord to be worn at Commencement. We pay respect and publicly recognize members of the United States armed forces and graduates of the ROTC program at Commencement by awarding this symbol of service. Military recognition cords must be picked up in the Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 10.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Professional photographers (Legacy Photographics, Inc.) will be at the stage area during the ceremony to take pictures of each graduate. Not only will graduating students have the best possible photographs, guests will be able to remain seated without the worry of trying to "capture the moment". Legacy Photographics, Inc. will send proof information to graduates using MU e-mail addresses a few days after the ceremony. Purchase of photographs is entirely optional.

If you have any questions, please contact Legacy at www.legacyphoto.com or 1-800-447-2550.

CEREMONY AVAILABLE ON WEB

The Commencement ceremonies will be streamed live on the web. The link will be available on the main Marshall University website www.marshall.edu.

COMMENCEMENT VIDEO

Marshall University and the Marshall University Alumni Association would like to congratulate you on your graduation! As a way of recognizing your achievement, a downloadable copy of the Commencement ceremony is available to you, free of charge, courtesy of the MUAA. Relive this major life milestone by visiting www.herdalum.com to download your free copy of the Commencement ceremony.

DIPLOMAS

Grades for the Spring 2019 term are due Tuesday, May 14. Final graduation lists are due from the academic deans to the Registrar's Office Tuesday, May 28. If you have not received your diploma by June 25, 2019, please send an email inquiry to registrar@marshall.edu or call 304-696-6410.

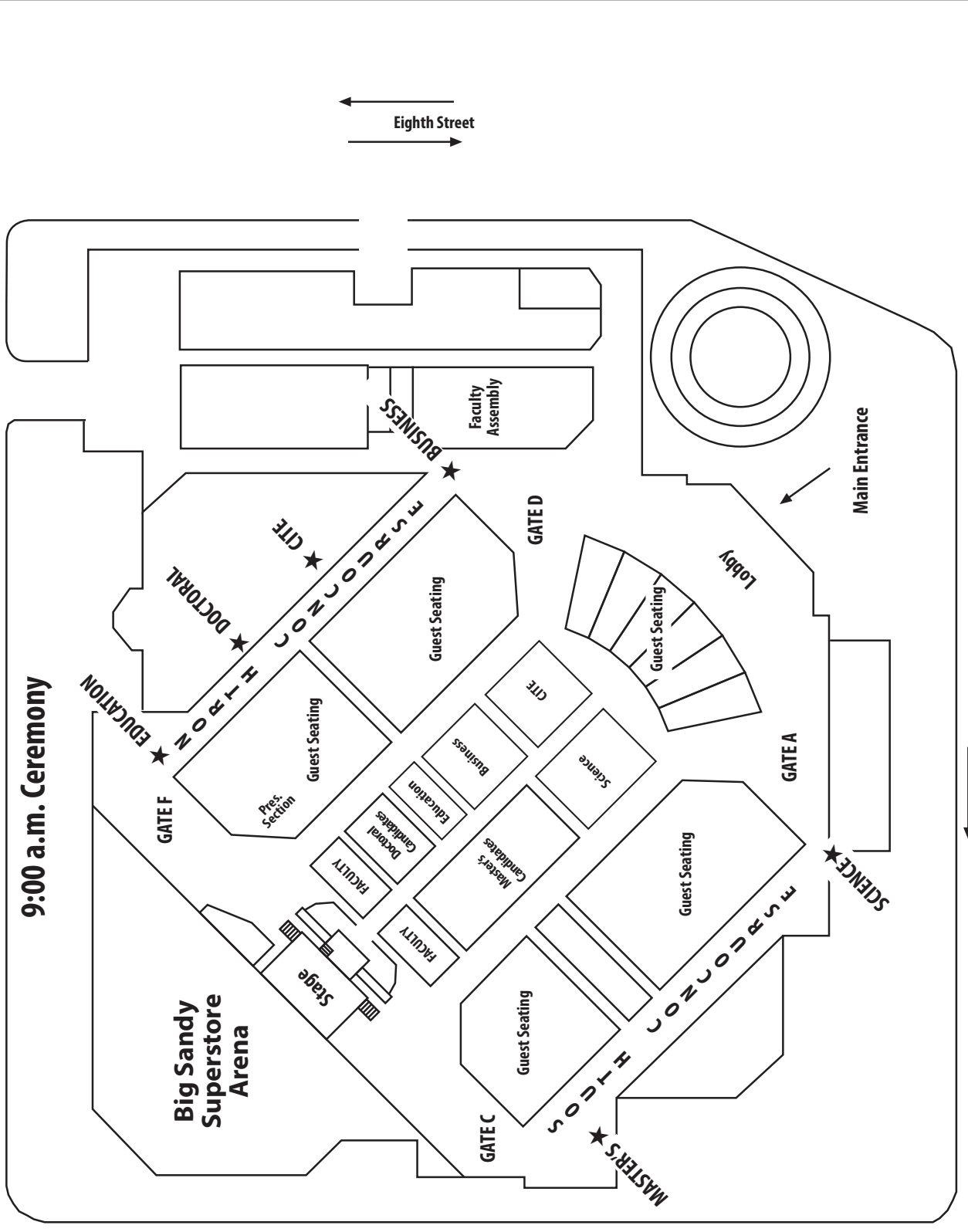
Diplomas are mailed to the permanent address on file in the MU database. Address changes for diplomas will be accepted through May 13.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions with respect to Commencement, please contact the Registrar's Office registrar@marshall.edu or 304-696-6410. We strive to make this ceremony special for our graduates and guests. Congratulations!

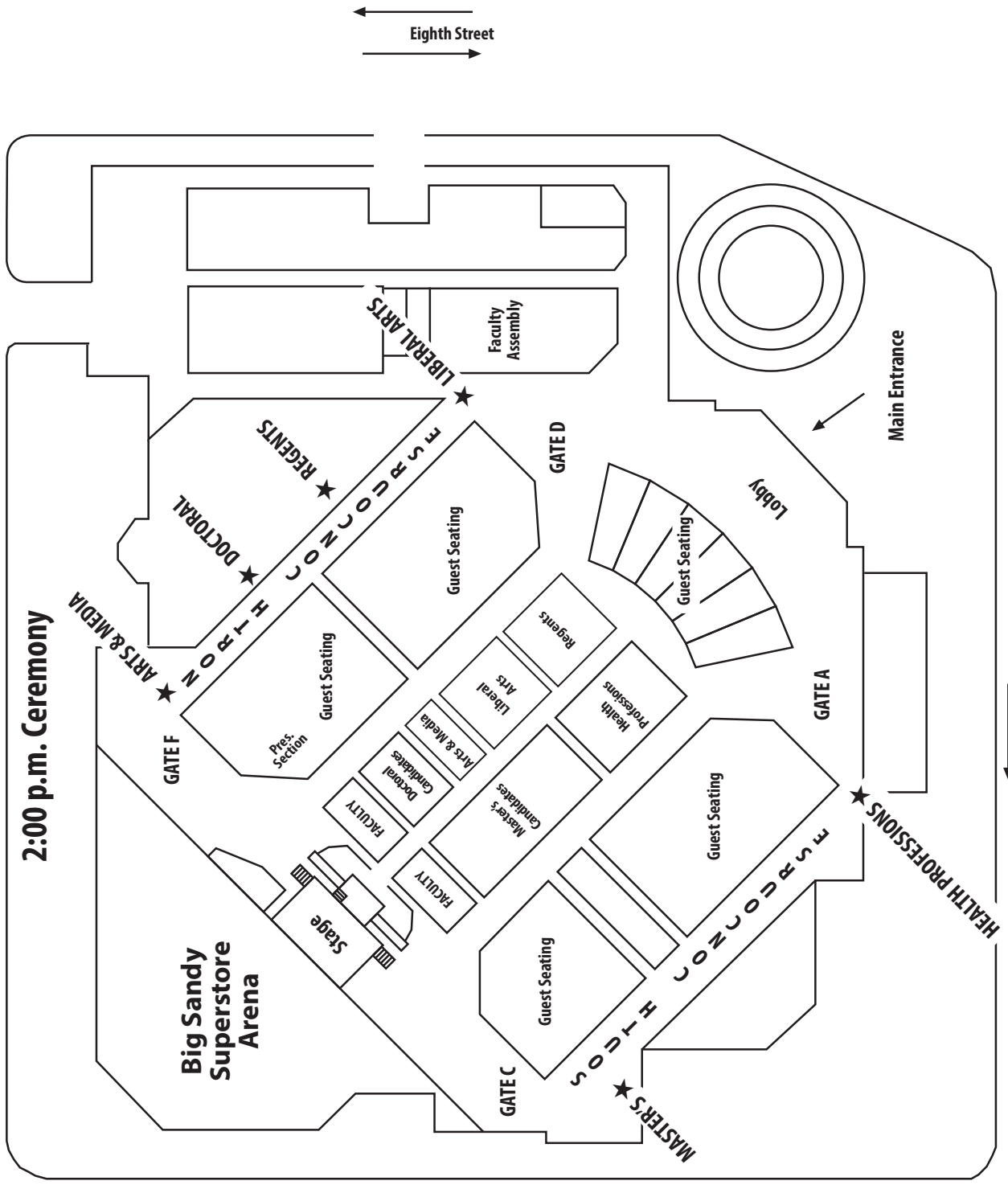


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8:00 A.M.
TO COLLEGE
LOCATION
INDICATED.**



**GRADUATES
REPORT BY
1:00 P.M.
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2:00 p.m. Ceremony

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← Third Avenue
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