

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

DECEMBER 11, 2021

Marshall University will hold a ceremony to honor and recognize July and August 2021 graduates and tentative December 2021 graduates at Mountain Health Arena Saturday, December 11th.

Masks are required for all graduates and guests at all times.

No tickets are required for guest entrance and there is no limit on guests.

COMMENCEMENT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS 10 AM CEREMONY

The Commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. **Please allow additional time for required security procedures in place at Mountain Health Arena.** Graduates must arrive **one hour before the ceremony.**

COMMENCEMENT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS 3 PM CEREMONY

The Commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. **Please allow additional time for required security procedures in place at Mountain Health Arena.** Graduates must arrive **one hour before the ceremony.**

GENERAL COMMENCEMENT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

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 arena 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 in the arena concourse, staff will distribute name cards and direct graduates to their section on the Arena floor.

Doctoral Degrees

It is the custom of Marshall University to individually recognize graduates of doctoral programs at Commencement.

For conferring of degrees, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Development, Dr. Teresa Eagle, will present the EdD candidates; Assistant Provost Dr. Carl Mummert will present the PhD candidates; and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Dr. Robert B. Bookwalter will present the PsyD candidates. Degrees are conferred by President Gilbert.

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 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. A photographer will take two photographs of each graduate. After crossing the stage, graduates will exit the arena.

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 December 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, December 10th. Cords and tassels are to be kept by graduates.

CLASS OF 2021 COINS

Four years ago, President Gilbert gifted the Marshall University Class of 2021 with a class coin during Week of Welcome. At the end of Freshman Convocation, President Gilbert challenged you to complete your degree in four years and to bring your coin when you cross the stage during your graduation ceremony. You are the very first class to celebrate with a commemorative coin and so we ask if you still have your coin, please bring it to commencement and proudly show it to President Gilbert when you shake his hand. Congratulations, Class of 2021!

Please note, the University does not have additional coins for those who may have lost them.

Prohibited Items

Please refer to the Mountain Health Arena website (<https://www.mountainhealtharena.com/p/visit/prohibited-items--security>) for a list of prohibited items for the arena.

PARKING

Parking is available in the parking garage on Third Avenue across from Mountain Health 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 commencement@marshall.edu or 304-696-6410 prior to December 10th. Accommodations will be made with the college faculty marshals.

Guests using wheelchairs are requested to enter the arena through GATE A or GATE C 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, December 10th.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The professional photographer (Grad Images www.gradimages.com) will email proof information to graduates a few days after the ceremony. Purchase of photographs is entirely optional.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AVAILABLE ONLINE

Marshall University and the Marshall University Alumni Association would like to congratulate you on your graduation! As a way of remembering and sharing your Commencement Ceremony with family and friends, please visit <https://livestream.com/marshallu>. Celebrate this major milestone and preserve the memories of this very special occasion for years to come. Remember to connect with your alumni association at www.HerdAlum.com to receive invitations to future events as well as updates from your campus. Congratulations and GO HERD!!

QUESTIONS

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

