

Commencement 2023 FAQs

I didn't attend the Grad Fair, how do I pick up my regalia and guest tickets?

Regalia and guest tickets can be picked up in Registrar (Main building, room 108) Weekdays 9-4pm, between April 28th and May 18th. Remaining gowns will be at graduate check in on the day of the ceremony.

What should I bring with me to the ceremony?

You are responsible for bringing with you the regalia you picked up at the Grad fair, this is inclusive of the gown, cap and academic hood as well as any earned honor cords.

What should I wear to the ceremony?

Regalia covers the majority of your clothing when worn appropriately, leaving only your lower leg/foot uncovered. We encourage you to select footwear appropriate for both the occasion and for climbing a short set of stairs before walking across the stage and then descending another set of stairs.

Where should I park?

Parking for events at the Empire State Plaza can be found here: <https://empirestateplaza.ny.gov/parking>. Parking requires card payment, no cash, \$10.00+ fee. The parking fee should be paid at the kiosk before you are leaving.

What time do I need to be at check-in for the ceremony?

Graduates should be at check-in for 11am

What time should my guests arrive?

Guests will begin to be admitted at 12:30pm for general admission seating. Only ticketed guests will be allowed due to venue capacity limits.

How many guests can I invite?

Graduates have each been given 6 general admission tickets for their guests. Additional tickets will not be issued by the college due to venue capacity.

Do children need tickets?

Children 5 and under who will remain seated in a ticketed guest's lap are welcome to attend without a ticket. Children over 5 or those who will not remain seated in a ticketed adult's lap require their own general admission ticket to attend. Child care will not be provided.

Will there be food/drink available?

There will be limited food/drink options offered at the Concourse. Graduates and their guests are encouraged to eat lunch before the event. A small celebratory reception with cookies will follow the ceremony.

I will not be attending the Graduation Ceremony on 5/21 how will I get my diploma?

Any diploma not picked up after the ceremony on the 21st of May will be mailed to the address on file within 5 business days.

I have a question not answered in the above, who should I contact?

Questions relating to Commencement 2023 can be emailed to registrar@mariacollege.edu.