



COMMENCEMENT 2024 FAQ'S

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) on Weekdays 9-4pm, between April 26th and May 18th. The 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, \$5.00+ fee.

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

Graduates should be at check-in at 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? Will this be live-streamed for my guests who cannot make it?

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. The event will be live-streamed, and a link will be available on the Commencement website after the ceremony.

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.

I will not be attending the Graduation Ceremony on 5/19 how will I get my diploma?

Any diploma not picked up after the ceremony on the 19th 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 2024 can be emailed to registrar@mariacollege.edu.