



MAY COMMENCEMENT DETAILS

On behalf of the Commencement Committee, I wish to thank you in advance for registering for your participation in the Graduate Commencement on Friday, May 10, 2019, in Pucillo Gymnasium, and/or on Saturday, May 11, 2019, the Undergraduate Commencement at Chryst Field in Biemesderfer Stadium.

Here are a few reminders:

**If you are participating in the
Graduate ceremony on Friday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m.,
in Pucillo Gym:**

- **Rehearsal: THURSDAY, May 9, 2019**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Pucillo Gymnasium for those who are taking part in the program (you do not have to attend rehearsal unless you are part of the program);
- **Regalia:** If rented or purchased, they must be picked up at the University Store prior to May 9 from Darlene Hunsberger;
- **Robing areas:** please arrive ***no later than 5:45 p.m.*** to robe
 - o **Master's Candidates:** Pool side lobby by concession area
 - o **Doctoral Candidates:** in adjacent stairway (pool side) leading from second floor to gym
 - o **Faculty:** Room 211
 - o **Platform Party:** Room 209
 - o **Musicians:** Room 208

-Parking Arrangements:

- **Platform Party and Special Needs** will park in the Pucillo Lot by their special hangtag or state issued placard shown from their rear view mirror;
- **Special Guests, and overflow Special Needs persons**, will park in the lower garage DECK area;
- **Faculty/Staff** will park in the lower garage or adjacent building lots with their University-issued hang tag.
- **PLEASE NOTE: PENN MANOR POST PROM IS THIS SAME EVENING; LIMITED VIP PARKING ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE GROUND LEVEL GARAGE PARKING AREA. NO PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE UPPER DECK AREA THIS EVENING.**

-Order of March:

Processional line up will occur at 6:15 p.m.; processional will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: There are no tickets required for this ceremony; however, in addition to the faculty participating in the processional, reserved seating will be available for special guests, master's candidates, and doctoral candidates on the floor. All other family and friends will be directed to bleacher seating.

- Recessional:

Immediately after the ceremony, the Platform Party, then the Faculty will recess; graduates will follow.

You may join the graduates and their families at the outdoor tented reception along Pucillo Drive.

[If inclement weather prevails, the reception will be set in the pool side lobby.]

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If you are participating in the Undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Chryst Field in Biemesderfer Stadium:

There will be ONE ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

******Only in the event of extremely heavy, driving rain will the ceremony be held in two tiers indoors at Pucillo Gymnasium.***

Due to the numbers of candidates and faculty attending the two tiers are:

- 10:00 a.m.:
 - College of Education and Human Services
 - College of Science & Technology Candidates
- 2:00 p.m.:
 - College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Candidates
 - School of Social Work
- **Regalia:** If rented or purchased, they must be picked up at the University Store prior to May 9 from Darlene Hunsberger;
- **Rehearsal:** Thursday, May 9, 2019, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Pucillo Gymnasium for those who are taking part in the program (you do not have to attend rehearsal unless you are part of the program).
- **ROBING AREAS:** Saturday, May 11, 2019, please arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. to robe as follows:
 - **Candidates:** Pucillo Gymnasium

- **Faculty/Staff: OSBURN Hall Lobby**

- **Platform Party: The Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall**

If inclement weather prevails, robing will occur at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (for two tier ceremony) in Room #211 (faculty) and Room #209 (platform party), Pucillo.

Please allow adequate travel time to campus that day.

- **Parking Arrangements are as follows:**

- **Faculty/Staff:** Creek Drive lot via your official MU tag;

- **Platform Party** (including the President, speaker, trustees and cabinet members): McComsey/James Street Lot via parking hang tag;

Inclement weather plan: Pucillo lot

- **Special Guests:** Garage Deck via parking hang tag

- **Special Needs** vehicles will be permitted into reserved parking adjacent to and behind the stadium as well as the Sugar Bowl lot.

Inclement weather plan: Pucillo lot/Deck areas

- **Order of March:** Line up at 9:45 a.m. (1:45 p.m. if needed for the 2:00 p.m. ceremony);

- **Processional:** 10:00 a.m. (2:00 p.m., if needed).

***If inclement weather, those processing do NOT require tickets; guests are required to have tickets.** Faculty requiring guest ticket(s) may obtain them, if available, at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Office.*

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL PERSONS PROCESSING--PLATFORM PARTY, ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF, FACULTY, STUDENTS--ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FLAT SOLED SHOES ONLY. IF YOU ARRIVE WITH HEELS, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE THEM AND WEAR UNIVERSITY-ISSUED SANDALS. THIS IS REQUIRED DUE TO SAFETY ISSUES SURROUNDING USE OF NEW TURF AND FLOORING ON THE FIELD.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR OUTDOOR UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY:

- **Recessional:**

As in the past, immediately after the ceremony, the Platform Party, then the Faculty, will recess back the center aisle of the seating area. As you reach the back of the seating area, you will be invited to form a congratulatory “receiving line” on either side of the stanchions that will be in place for this purpose; and as the graduates recess, you may applaud them as they enter the “receiving line” area as a way to recognize them on their successes.

As the graduates depart, you will then complete the recessional by departing at the gate from which you entered.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Student Memorial Center's Reighard Multipurpose Room will be available as the alternative live satellite site to view the commencement ceremonies for additional family members, friends or for those wishing handicap or special needs accessibility.

Emergency or weather-related announcements and updated information may be obtained at:

- www.millersville.edu;
- MUAAlert (sign up at <http://mualert.millersville.edu/register.php>)
- University's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/millersvilleu>,
- Twitter at <https://twitter.com/millersvilleu>
- Or, call the Information Desk at 717.871.4636.

Thank you,
Carol Reichler, Director of Events
Chair, Commencement Committee