



CLASS OF 2024 COMMENCEMENT NEWS

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT | MAY 3-5, 2024

Dear Class of 2024 Graduates and Families,

Commencement Weekend, the time to celebrate and recognize the achievements of the graduating class, is almost here! The final stages of your journey as a Puget Sound student will be fun and full of excitement, but there are several details you need to know prior to graduation. Please review the following important Commencement information.

For all of the latest schedule of events, ceremony information, and much more, please go to the [Commencement website](#).

CLASS OF 2024 - GRAD PARTY

Join us for Grad Party 2024, a fantastic event to celebrate your achievements with your classmates and family members on **Friday, May 3, from 7–9 p.m. in Wheelock Student Center, Marshall Hall.**

Take this opportunity to reminisce about the wonderful memories you've made at Puget Sound while picking up your senior gift and enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres, a hosted bar, and music. Capture the joyous moments with our fun-filled photo booth.

This is a night to celebrate you and all of your accomplishments!



AFFINITY CELEBRATIONS & DEPARTMENT RECEPTIONS

Join your classmates along with family and friends in celebrating your success! You can find the full list of Affinity and Department Receptions on the [Commencement Event Schedule](#) page.

GRADUATE CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

Please take a moment to review the [graduate instructions](#) before you arrive for the ceremony. It is important that you arrive on time at 1 p.m. at Karlen Quad to join the processional lineup. Please keep in mind that you will not be allowed to bring bags, backpacks, or purses with you to the ceremony. You may only bring what you can carry in your hands or pockets.

CEREMONY INFORMATION

Caps & Gowns

All graduates are required to wear a black cap and gown over their regular attire to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

If you missed the deadline to order your cap and gown, don't worry! You can still pick up a cap and gown for the Commencement Ceremony. We will have a variety of cap and gown packages available for purchase via credit card on **May 2-3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jones Hall, Room 104.**

Please note that honor cords and stoles will be distributed by individual departments and programs.

Tickets

All guests are required to have a ticket to attend the Commencement Ceremony. Each graduate will receive six guest tickets to distribute to family and friends. Graduates do not need a ticket as they will be participating in the ceremony.

You can pick up your tickets in the Logger Store on weekdays from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Please bring a photo ID when picking up your tickets.

Limited additional tickets are available upon request by emailing commencement@pugetsound.edu.

Parking

Student and guest [parking](#) will be distributed throughout campus the weekend of Commencement.

Bag Check

All bags are subject to search upon entry into the stadium. Guests are permitted to bring a single small, clear bag no larger than 14" wide, 14" high, and 6" deep into the stadium. Alternatively, small clutches, purses, and wallets not exceeding 4.5" by 6.5" are also allowed. Larger bags, backpacks, coolers, and similar items are strictly prohibited.

Weather

University of Puget Sound holds the Commencement Ceremony outdoors in celebration of the striking Pacific Northwest environment. It is important to note that not all seating for the ceremony will be covered. We strongly encourage you to prepare for various weather conditions by bringing sunscreen, sunglasses, caps, umbrellas, raincoats, etc. Rain ponchos will be provided underneath each seat on the field.

Please refer to our [Commencement Ceremony Information](#) page for more details regarding stadium and parking information, ceremony tickets, inclement weather, accessibility for graduates and guests, and Commencement etiquette.

CEREMONY SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS

Reserved seating on the field is available for those needing ground-level seating, captioning, and/or an American Sign Language interpreter. Specific seats are not assigned.

Accessible [parking](#) will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in Lot 3, directly across from Baker Stadium.

Please email commencement@pugetsound.edu for questions and to request seating accommodations.

COMMENCEMENT LIVESTREAM

Family and friends unable to join us in person may watch the 132nd Commencement Ceremony live at pugetsound.edu/commencement.

We look forward to hosting you and your family for the Class of 2024 Ceremony, and we hope you enjoy Commencement Weekend!

Please contact commencement@pugetsound.edu with any questions.

Thank you,

Office of Events
