



2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Cap and Gown Distribution

Monday, May 8 & Tuesday, May 9

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wheelock Student Center, Rasmussen Rotunda

If you ordered a cap and gown through National Achiever, please visit the Rasmussen Rotunda in Wheelock Student Center on **Monday or Tuesday, May 8 & 9 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** A family member or friend can pick up the regalia for a graduate who cannot attend during distribution hours. A note of pick-up approval from the graduate, or a receipt of purchase is required. *You must wear your cap and gown over your regular attire to participate in the Commencement ceremony.* If you still need to place your cap and gown order, please call **425.357.1338** immediately to speak with a National Achiever representative.

Name Pronunciation Practice Session

Monday, May 8

2 – 4 p.m.

Wheelock Student Center, Rasmussen Rotunda

Let's make sure your full name is pronounced correctly as you walk across the stage to receive your diploma. If from experience, you find people sometimes mispronounce your first, middle, or last name, Interim Provost Nick Kontogeorgopoulos invites you to help him practice at a name pronunciation session. You may drop in to see Interim Provost Kontogeorgopoulos during this time with no appointment necessary.

Grad Party

Friday, May 12

8 – 10 p.m.

Wheelock Student Center, Marshall Hall

Celebrate your journey here at Puget Sound! As you look forward to graduation, Student Activities and the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations are planning an extravaganza celebrating your Puget Sound experience and send-off as an enthusiastic member of the Puget Sound Alumni Association. **On Friday, May 12 from 8 – 10 p.m.,** join your classmates, family, and friends for food, drinks, and entertainment. *Official government-issued photo ID such as a valid driver's license or passport is required for access to the hosted bar.*

Last Chance Cap and Gown Distribution

Sunday, May 14

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Jones Hall, Garden Level

A last-chance cap and gown distribution for students on **Sunday, May 14, is scheduled from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** on the garden level of Jones Hall, in the center of the hallway near the vending machines.

Instructions to Graduates for the 2023 Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, May 14

1:00 p.m.

Come dressed in your academic cap and gown to Karlen Quadrangle behind Jones Hall at **1 p.m.** on **Sunday, May 14.** There you will pick up your lineup ticket with your lineup number. At **1:30 p.m.** we will begin the Commencement Processional from Karlen Quadrangle to Baker Stadium. At **2 p.m.** we arrive at Baker Stadium where the Faculty Marshals will seat you.

1 p.m. at Karlen Quadrangle: Pick up Your Lineup Ticket

As soon as you arrive at Karlen Quadrangle, you will pick up your lineup ticket. If you are receiving a master's degree, a DPT degree, or a bachelor's degree with a first major that alphabetically is at the beginning of the alphabet, you will be in the maroon line. Pick up your maroon ticket at the table toward the north end (the library end) of Karlen Quad. If you are receiving a bachelor's degree with a first major that alphabetically is at the middle or end of the alphabet, you will be in the white line. Pick up your white ticket at the table toward the south end of Karlen Quad. The lineup order is alphabetically by name within each department.

Note: After the lineup tickets are distributed in Karlen Quad, the Faculty Marshals will cross off the names from Interim Provost Kontogeorgopoulos's reading list of students who did not pick up their tickets. These names will not be read during the Commencement Ceremony. ***Be sure to pick up your ticket even if you happen to learn your lineup order number and where to stand in line from some other source.***

1:30 p.m. at Karlen Quadrangle: Line up According to the Number on Your Lineup Ticket

At **1:30 p.m.**, you will hear an announcement over a loudspeaker that it is time to line up. There will be stakes along the sidewalks that correspond to the numbers on the lineup tickets. At **1:30 p.m.**, go to your lineup spot on the sidewalk. Maroon ticket holders form a line from the southwest corner of Jones Hall northward along the walkway to the library. White ticket holders form a line from the southwest corner of Jones Hall westward along the walkway to Thompson Hall. Not all graduates will be present. Make sure you are standing behind the next lowest lineup number and in front of the next highest lineup number.

1:50 p.m. at Karlen Quadrangle: Depart for Baker Stadium on Your Last Student Walk Across Campus

Faculty Marshals will bring the maroon and white lines together to walk across campus along Commencement Walk in a double line. Leading the lines will be two graduating students serving as Standard Bearers carrying the Commencement Banner and the Class Banner. Along the way,

graduates will process past an “honor guard” of faculty in front of Todd and Phibbs Halls. Once we start marching to the stadium, please keep the line moving.

2 p.m. The double line of graduates arrives at Peyton Field in Baker Stadium

The ceremony begins with the playing of Pomp and Circumstance and the seating of the graduates. Graduates in the maroon line will sit on the west side of the field. Graduates in the white line will sit on the east side. The Faculty Marshals will seat you. Follow their direction. At Baker Stadium, please remain standing until the completion of the invocation. It is important that you stay for the entire ceremony. This is a matter of university tradition and courtesy to others.

Awarding Degrees

After the Commencement Address, bachelor’s degrees are awarded. Interim Provost Kontogeorgopoulos will ask you to stand if you are able; President Crawford will confer the degree, and then you will come forward row by row to receive your diploma cover (the actual diploma comes later after spring grades are received and completion of degree requirements is verified). Persons in the first row of bachelor’s graduates move to the platform as instructed by the Faculty Marshals. Other rows sit down until instructed by the Marshals to go to the platform.

Graduate degrees are awarded after the bachelor’s degrees. Interim Provost Kontogeorgopoulos will ask you to stand if you are able; President Crawford will confer the degree, and then you will come forward row by row. Persons in the first row of graduate students move to the platform as instructed by the Faculty Marshals. Other rows sit down until instructed by the Marshals to go to the platform.

At the platform, please follow the Faculty Marshal’s direction. When Interim Provost Kontogeorgopoulos reads your name, move across the platform, receive your diploma cover from President Crawford, and then proceed down the center stairs. *Keep one hand on the railing, one hand on your diploma cover, and both eyes on the stairs so that you will not trip.*

The Recessional

After the *Alma Mater* is sung at the end of the ceremony, Faculty Marshals will lead the platform party, then the faculty, and then the graduates from the stadium. Meet your family and friends at the Puget Sound Commencement Reception on the Event Lawn immediately following the ceremony. *You may keep your cap and gown as a souvenir of this special event. You may also donate your cap and gown for future students - please place in the boxes along the track during the recessional*

General Information:

- It is important that you preserve the dignity and integrity of this special ceremony. To this end, you are required to wear the regalia over your regular attire in order to participate in Commencement.
- Commencement is a substance-free ceremony. In order to ensure that you are able to participate fully in the Commencement Ceremony, please do not bring alcohol or any other substances to campus with you this day.