



# CLASS OF 2024 COMMENCEMENT NEWS

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

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Dear Class of 2024 Graduates and Families,

Commencement is quickly approaching! To prepare, please review the following important ceremony information. For all of the latest schedule of events, ceremony information, and much more, please go to the [Commencement website](#).

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**CAP & GOWN – LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE**



Graduates are required to wear a black cap and gown over their regular attire to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. The last opportunity for students to purchase a cap and gown is on **May 2–3, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in Jones Hall, Room 104**. A limited selection of cap and gown packages (cap, gown, and tassel along with hoods for graduate students) will be available for purchase via credit card.

If you submitted a cap and gown order and haven't received it yet, please contact Oak Hall at [customer care@oakhalli.com](mailto:customer care@oakhalli.com) or 540.378.7001.

Honor cords and stoles will be distributed by individual departments and programs.

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## **GRADUATE CEREMONY INFORMATION**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**Processional Ticket Pickup**

**1 p.m. | Karlen Quadrangle**

Please arrive promptly at 1 p.m. to pick up your lineup ticket.

- Please bring only what you can carry in your hands or pockets. You will not be allowed to bring bags, backpacks, or purses with you to the ceremony.
- If you are receiving a master's or doctoral degree, you will be in the MAROON line. You can collect your maroon lineup ticket at the table located near the north end (Collins Memorial Library) of Karlen Quad.
- If you are receiving a bachelor's degree and the name of your major falls at the beginning of the alphabet, you will be in the MAROON line. You can collect your maroon lineup ticket at the table located near the north end (Collins Memorial Library) of Karlen Quad.
- If you are receiving a bachelor's degree and the name of your major falls in the middle or end of the alphabet, you will be in the WHITE line. You can collect your white ticket at the table located near the south end of Karlen Quad.
- Lineup order is alphabetically arranged by last name within each department.
- For double majors, your line ticket will be with the department you informed the Registrar's Office you intend to walk with. Any changes made this week, either through the Academic

Deans' Office or Registrar's Office, will be written in and must be confirmed with a Faculty Marshal before 1:30 p.m.

- After the lineup tickets are distributed, the names of students who didn't pick up their tickets will be crossed off the list. These names will not be read during the Commencement Ceremony. ***Be sure to pick up your ticket so we know you are here and read your name!***

### **Processional Line Up**

**1:30 p.m. | Karlen Quadrangle**

- 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 that time, please go to your lineup spot on the sidewalk.
- Those with maroon tickets will form a line starting from the southwest corner of Jones Hall northward along the walkway to the library.
- Those with white tickets will form a line starting from the southwest corner of Jones Hall westward along the walkway to Thompson Hall.
- Not all graduates will be present, so make sure you are standing behind the next lowest lineup number and in front of the next highest lineup number.

### **Processional**

**1:50 p.m. | Karlen Quadrangle to 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, you'll 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.

### **Commencement Ceremony Entrance**

**2 p.m. | 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 and graduates in the white line will sit on the east side.
- The Faculty Marshals will direct you to your seat, so keep an eye out for them. You'll remain standing until the completion of the invocation, and then be asked to sit. It is

important that you stay for the entire ceremony to honor your fellow graduates!

### **Awarding of Degrees**

- After the Commencement Address, **graduate degrees** will be awarded. Provost Kerkhoff will ask you to stand, President Crawford will confer the degree, and then you will come forward row by row to be hooded and receive your diploma cover. Your actual diploma will be mailed to you after spring grades are received and completion of degree requirements is verified.
- Graduate degrees will be awarded first. As you approach the stage using the west ramp, graduate students should drape their folded hoods over their left arm. Once on stage, the first Faculty Hooder will take the hood from your arm, arrange it accordingly, and hand it to the second Faculty Hooder as you proceed to the X mark on the stage. Turn to face the audience. Once in position, the Faculty Hooder will place your hood over your head onto your shoulders. You may need to squat slightly for the Faculty Hooder to get your hood over your head. After you receive your hood, walk to the president to receive your diploma cover, then exit the stage using the east ramp and proceed down the center aisle back to your seat.
- **Bachelor's degrees** will be awarded next. Provost Kerkhoff will ask you to stand, President Crawford will confer the degree, and then you will come forward row by row. Graduates in the first row will move to the platform as instructed by the Faculty Marshals, and other rows will remain seated until instructed by the Marshals to go to the platform.
- At the platform, please follow the Faculty Marshal's direction. When Provost Kerkhoff reads your name, walk to the president to receive your diploma cover, then exit the stage using the east ramp and proceed down the center aisle back to your seat.

### **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 out of 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 to use in one of the donation boxes following the recessional.***

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## **IMPORTANT CEREMONY INFORMATION**

Commencement is a powerful celebration in your life and the legacy of Puget Sound. To preserve the dignity and integrity of this special ceremony, you'll be required to wear the regalia over your regular attire. Additionally, Commencement is a substance-free ceremony, so do not bring alcohol or other substances to the campus with you or show up under their influence. Please be aware that any disruptions during the ceremony will result in your immediate removal. We want everyone to enjoy this momentous occasion.

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If you have questions, please contact the Academic Deans' Office at [academicdeans@pugetsound.edu](mailto:academicdeans@pugetsound.edu) or the Office of Events at [commencement@pugetsound.edu](mailto:commencement@pugetsound.edu).

For more information on Commencement Weekend, go to the [Commencement website](#).

Sincerely,

Office of Events

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