

Graduation Guidelines 2024



Graduation Date & Time

- Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 8 PM
- Watsco Center at University of Miami, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33146
- **6:00 PM** - Graduates Arrive at Quad D Entrance next to the South Main Entrance stairs
 - *WHITE Marching Cards, last Names A-K, Sections 107, 108, & 109, #1-266
 - *PURPLE Marching Cards, last Names L-Z, Sections 104, 105 & 106, #1-279
- **7:00 PM** – Doors Open/Guests may be seated
 - *Every guest MUST have a ticket, including children, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- **7:50 PM** Doors Close
- **8:00 PM SHARP!** (GRADUATION BEGINS)



WHAT TO WEAR



All dress attire must be business/semi-formal

- Dress Blouse (light color best)
- Dress Shirt, Tie Required
- Dress Shoes/Dress Sandals
- Dress (light color best)
- Dress Pants
- Skirts (appropriate length)

**NO JEANS, SHORTS, SNEAKERS, CROCS, FLIPFLOPS,
SLIDES, T-SHIRTS, OR ATHLETIC ATTIRE**

Graduation Day

- Graduates are **not allowed** to alter or decorate the graduation cap, gown, and/or Southwest stole.
- The only acceptable items that may be added to the graduation attire/regalia are the official Southwest medallion, official Southwest stoles, and if applicable, official approved Southwest honor/program cords and/or official honorary hoods **provided by the school**.
- Arrive wearing your open/unzipped gown, cap, Southwest tassel, Southwest stole, Southwest medallion, and if applicable, official Southwest honor cords and Southwest honorary hood (***provided only by the school***).
- **DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME CARD.**
- No parent/guest will be allowed to enter the graduate holding area.
- Each graduate will go through **Security checkpoints**.
- Once you have entered the holding area you will not be allowed to leave.
- Sit in your assigned section within your colored side.
- Do not change sides, teachers will check order before entering ceremony.
- Any graduate arriving late will not be allowed to join procession and will be seated by a teacher once procession has ended.

Graduation Day

GRADUATES **MAY NOT WALK** WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- **CELL PHONES**
 - Cameras/Video
 - Headphones/IPODS/SMART WATCHES
 - Purses/Bookbags, of any size
 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF ANY KIND
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- **EACH GRADUATE WILL GO THROUGH SECURITY CHECKPOINTS.**
 - **ANY GRADUATE IN POSSESSION OF NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY CHECKPOINTS.**
 - **ANY GRADUATE IN POSSESSIOIN OF ITEMS LISTED ABOVE DURING THE CEREMONY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CEREMONY.**

The ONLY Regalia/Items Permitted are:

- Official Southwest cords (**Honor Society/Program Cords ONLY**)
- Official Southwest Medallion (**Included with your Cap & Gown**)
- Official Southwest Stole (**Included with your Cap & Gown**)
- Official Southwest Honorary Hood (**Summa, Magna, and Cum Laude**)
- Marching Card

NO OTHER PINS, STOLES, MEDALS, OR CORDS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE WORN!

Conduct at Graduation

- Graduation will begin at **exactly 8:00 PM.**
- Students will walk in the procession **QUIETLY, ATTENTIVELY,** and **RESPECTFULLY.**
- Teachers will direct you to your seats. Remain standing until you are asked to be seated. **IMPORTANT. . . Look to the teacher escorts (wearing black gowns) for guidance.**
- Listen attentively to all of the speakers. No shout-outs. Behave appropriately.
- If during the ceremony you feel ill, tell the teacher escort in your row who will assist you.
- **NO DANCING, JUMPING OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AS YOU CROSS THE STAGE.**

Graduation Ceremony

Order of Graduation Program:

Processional March (walk to seats and remain standing)

Presentation of Colors by JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance (males QUIETLY remove caps)

National Anthem (males put caps back on **AFTER** the National Anthem)

Speakers

Roll Call (Do not call attention to yourself as you walk across the stage)

Confirmation of Diplomas (turning of the tassel- **right to left**)

God Bless America song

Closing Remarks

Alma Mater

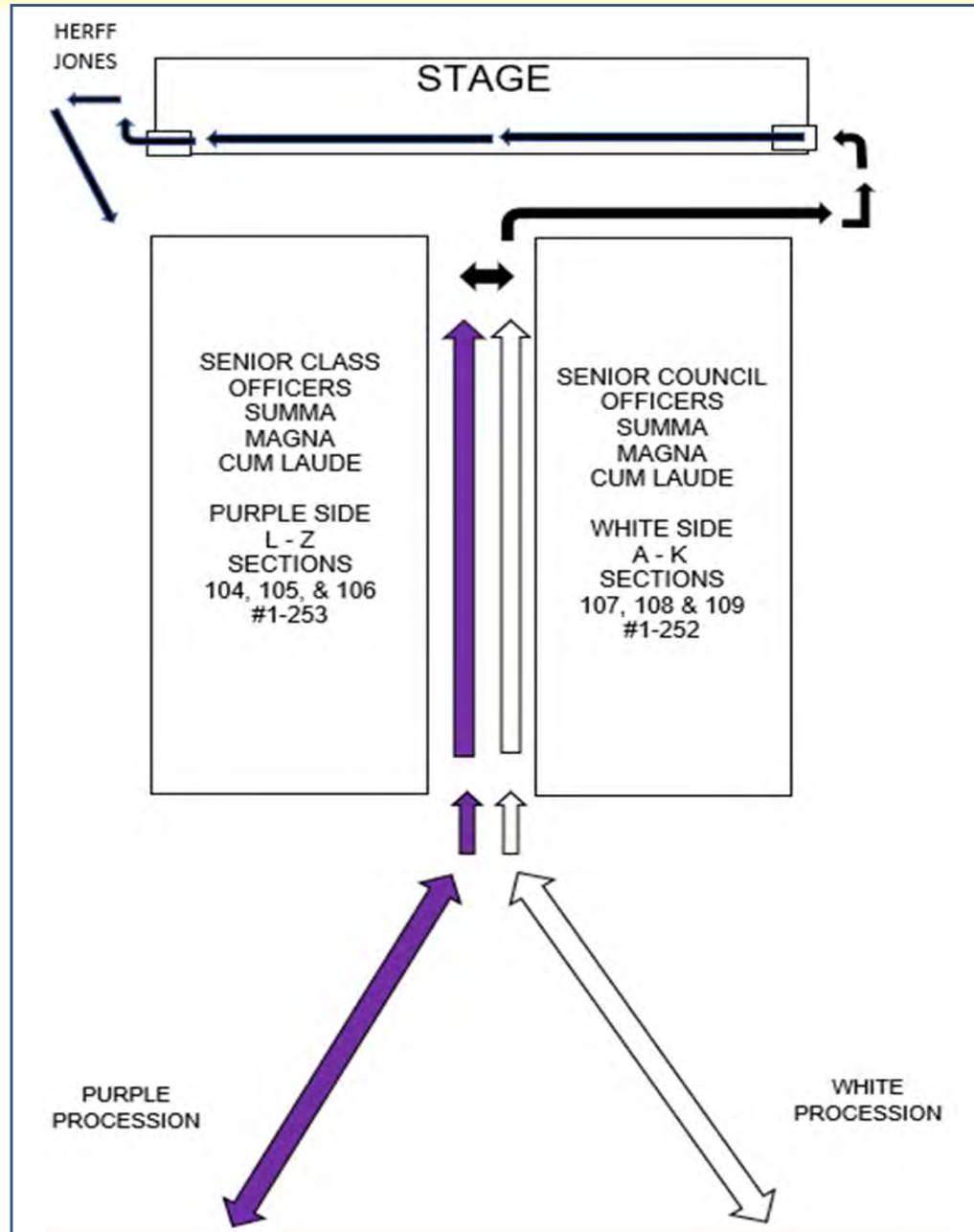
The throwing of caps is STRICTLY PROHIBITED, and graduate's diploma and transcript may be withheld!

You are expected to listen attentively and politely to speakers and behave in an appropriate manner AT ALL TIMES for the entire ceremony!

Mini Rehearsal



PROCESSION ENTRANCE



Graduation Pictures

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Register for your graduation
using the QR code below.



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Graduation Pictures



SCAN QR OR USE THE LINK
TO RECEIVE ACCESS TO YOUR
GRADUATION PICTURES

<https://regis.viewyour.photos/direct/40169/27224585>



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DIPLOMA PICK UP

Where do I pick up my diploma?

- Gowns **MUST** be returned in order to receive your diploma. Keep your official cap, Southwest tassel, Southwest medallion, Southwest stole, and if applicable, official Southwest honorary hood and/or honor cord(s).
- Your counselor will distribute diplomas.
- Gown collection and diploma distribution will take place on **Wednesday, May 29th** from **8-10 AM** and **Thursday, May 30th** from **8-10 AM**.

What if my diploma isn't there?

DIPLOMAS WILL BE PULLED FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, FEES OWED TO SCHOOL, and/or MISSING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

Graduation Tickets

How do I get tickets?

4 tickets will be given during Cap & Gown distribution; if you participated in the Senior fundraiser and sold 5 or more Edda's Cakes, you will receive 6 tickets.

How can I get extra tickets?

You may ask other graduates who may not need all four tickets. Tickets are **NOT** to be sold. **If extra tickets are available, we will make an announcement on how to get extra tickets.**

- ***If anyone is found selling tickets, you will be dealt with by administration and may risk not participating in the ceremony.***

Cap & Gown

What if I didn't pay for my cap and gown?

- If you have been cleared by your counselor to graduate, at the cap and gown distribution you will receive an order form.
- You will then follow the instructions on that order form.

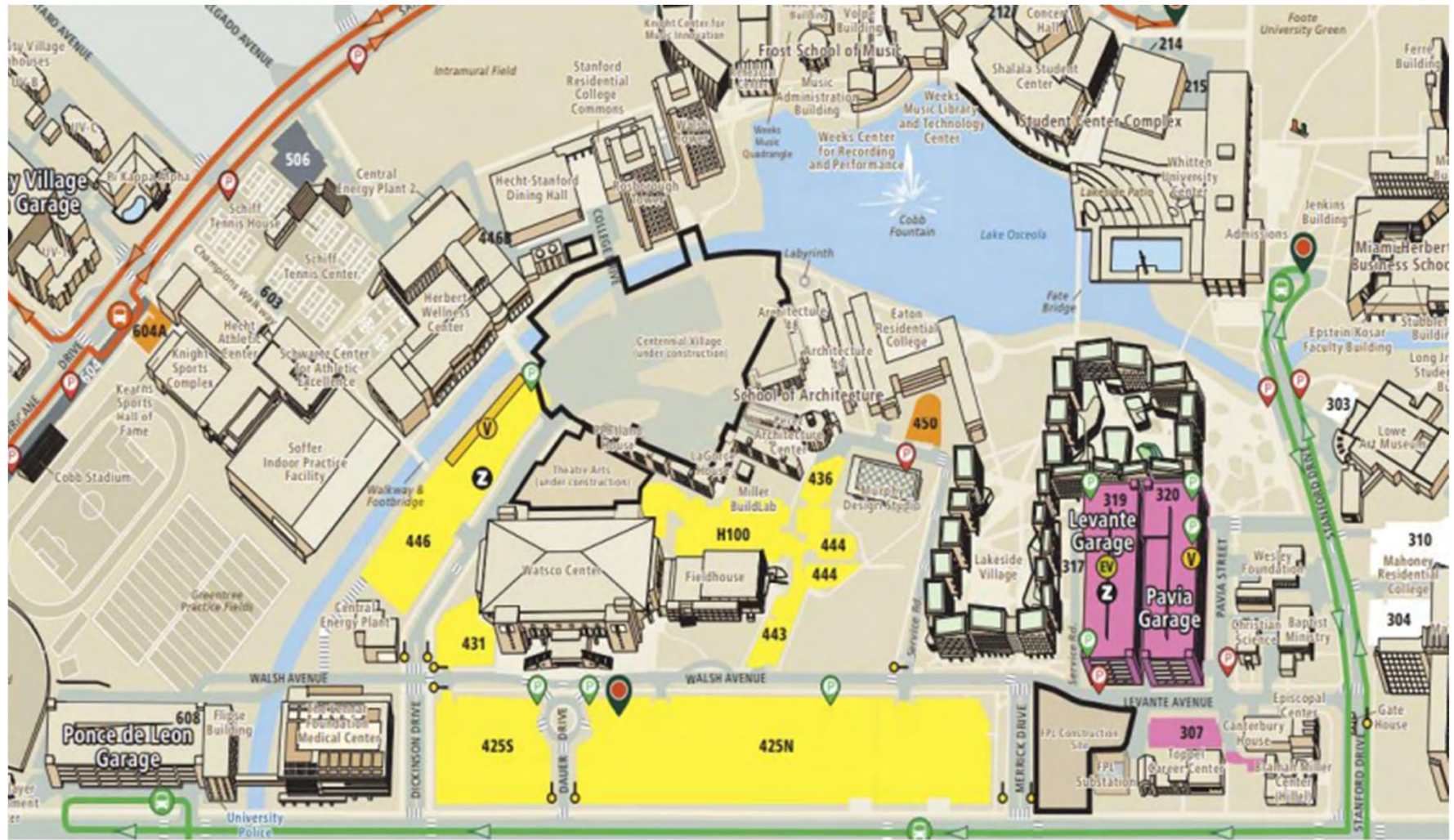
What should be in the cap and gown bag?

- Official Gown, Cap, and Tassel (collar for ladies)
- Official Southwest Graduation Medallion
- Graduation Instructions
- Name Card



Your tickets and official Southwest Stole will be given at cap and gown distribution.

PARKING AT GRADUATION



Levante & Pavia
Garages

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- ▶ All vehicles must be parked head-in only.
- ▶ You can pay to park using PayByPhone and will need to enter your vehicle's license plate during the payment process.
- ▶ Pre-paid parking links
- ▶ PayByPhone
 - ▶ Hourly Parking Rate- \$2.65 including fees
 - ▶ A parking session of 5-hours or more converts to all day parking - \$11.00 flat rate.
- ▶ Pay Station
 - ▶ Hourly - \$2.65 including fees. Credit card only.
 - ▶ A parking session of 5-hours or more converts to all day parking - \$11.00

ALMA MATER

Alma mater stand forever;
Alma mater stand for aye;
Alma mater falter never
'Neath the southern sky.

Keep the Southwest Eagles flying
Wave the royal banner high;
Stand together brave and true,
Stand for Southwest High!



CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF 2024!

from

The Southwest Family

