Commencement Ceremony Information

**Friday, May 17, 2019 | 1:00 PM | Hourglass Field House**

**For Graduating Students**

**Graduate Check-In and Mandatory Orientation**

* Graduates arrive on campus and check –in at K1-107 between 11:00 and Noon. The mandatory orientation will begin promptly at Noon and the processional will begin at 12:30 pm.

**Cap & Gown**

* Graduates must be in proper academic regalia (cap, gown, and tassel) to participate in the ceremony.
* Please wear your tassel on the right side of your cap until you are instructed to move it to the other side at the end of the ceremony.

**During the Ceremony**

* There are no facilities for securing purses, backpacks or other valuables so plan accordingly.
* PLEASE turn your cell phone off during the ceremony
* Leave floral bouquets, etc. with your guests during the ceremony.
* A professional photographer will take pictures of every graduate as degrees are conferred. Information regarding the purchase of photos will be sent to you via email after the ceremony.
* Students need to remain seated during the ceremony and are required to follow the directions provided by the designated Graduate Usher.
* Students with physical disabilities for which you need assistance to participate in the Ceremony, need to contact Sandra Marquez at (619)388-7313.

**For Everyone**

* The Miramar Commencement Ceremony is open to family and friends of Miramar Graduates. Tickets are not required but we suggest, do to seating capacity, that each student limit their guests to 5 in total. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis (Guests will not be allowed to save seats).
* The Ceremony is held in the Hourglass Field House (Gymnasium) at Miramar College. The Ceremony begins promptly at 1:00 pm. Doors open for the Ceremony at Noon. Guests must sit in designated areas and will not be able to reserve seats for others who have not arrived.
* Balloons are not allowed in the Hourglass Field House as they obstruct the view for other guests.
* Air horns are not allowed in the facility
* Due to fire laws, strollers are not allowed in the aisles or in front of seats. There will be an area where strollers can be stowed, but it is recommended that guest bring strollers into the Field House.
* This event will be live streamed. A link will be on the College’s website. In addition, the auditorium (L-105) will be set up with a large screen so guests needing a more informal area with comfortable seating and air conditioning may watch the ceremony.
* This is an important day for all, so all guests are asked to refrain from standing up at their seat during the ceremony to take pictures (this blocks the view of those behind and around you). Due to fire regulations, aisle must remain clear. There is a designated picture taking area and a professional photographer will take pictures of every graduate as degrees are conferred.

Live-Streaming

This year’s Commencement Ceremony will be live-streamed on the web so that family and friends can watch the ceremony from wherever they are.  Links to the streaming will be found on the College’s Website and Facebook page. This will allow you to share this day with your family who may be deployed, overseas, and/or out of state, or family members who simply cannot make it to campus on the day of the event.  In addition, this live-stream will be shown in the College’s Auditorium (L-105). The Auditorium will provide a more relaxed viewing venue for guests who would like more comfortable seats in an air-conditioned room. **PLEASE REMEMBER**: we are suggesting to students that they invite up to five guests to attend the ceremony in the Fieldhouse due to seating capacity. The Auditorium will be a venue for additional guest over this five person limit.

Commencement Day Schedule

**For Graduating Students**

11:00 – Noon Arrival, Check-In for graduates in K1-107

Noon Mandatory Graduation Ceremony Orientation, lineup, and processional to the Field House

1:00 pm Commencement Ceremony Begins

3:00 pm Commencement Ceremony Ends

**For Everyone**

Noon Doors to the Hour Glass Field House open and guest seating will begin

* Guest seated on first-come, first-serve basis
* Doors open in the Auditorium (L-105) for guests wishing to watch the event in a more relaxed atmosphere

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