

May 24

Graduation

2017

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.
-Tom Brokaw

**Grand Canyon
University
4:30 pm**

THUNDERBIRD HS CLASS OF 2017

ARRIVE AT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY AT 3:15 P.M. SHARP
PROCESSIONAL STAGING BEGINS AT 4:00 P.M. SHARP
DOORS OPEN FOR GUESTS AT 3:30 P.M.
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Graduation gowns and caps **should not** be worn before check in. If your cap must be pinned be sure to leave time to do so. Graduates, family and friends will park in the parking garage west of the arena.

GRADUATION GUIDELINES

Participation

Each of you should know that participation in commencement is entirely optional, and there is no penalty if a parent/guardian prefers that the student not participate in the ceremony. A parent **must** inform Mr. Latham, in writing, that the student will not take part in the ceremony. Students who do not participate, may pick up their diploma in the Record's office after May 24th.

Dress

Graduates must observe the following dress code if they wish to participate:

For women: Skirts and blouses, dresses or pant suits. Strapless dresses are not encouraged.

For men: Dress shirts, preferably with a tie, and dress slacks.

For all participants: Dress shoes must be worn. No tennis shoes, flip-flops, or denim will be permitted.

What the graduate needs to bring to the facility

Graduate should only bring himself/herself dressed appropriately and cap and gown.

- Do NOT wear cap and gown into the building!!!
- Leave clothes hangers, food, beverage, sunglasses, gum, cell phones, and other items in the car.
- Leave purses or bags in the car, but be sure you have your **CAR KEYS** with you.

Inappropriate Behavior

Any student found to have been drinking, be under the influence of any drug, or possessing alcohol or drugs of any kind will not be permitted to participate and could be reported to the local authorities.

Consequences of Behavior

Student exhibiting disorderly or disruptive behavior will be removed from the ceremony. We do not want to remove anyone but will if necessary. Any behavior that attempts to draw unnecessary attention to himself/herself will not be tolerated. Parents, we are asking for your understanding and cooperation in these issues.

Tickets

Guests will be allowed into the facility by ticket only. Students will receive the ticket request sheet on Thursday April 27th. Please list the name of each guest and the relationship to you. Students will receive 6 **tickets for free, any additional tickets may be purchased for \$5.00 per ticket.** Extra tickets can be purchased by the graduate **only.** Tickets will be available in the bookstore May 15th through May 23rd. Anyone occupying a seat must have a ticket. There will be no refunds after May 23rd.

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Tickets will be distributed May 12th during both lunches in the lobby of the main gym. **Students must show their 16/17 student ID or driver's license to receive their tickets.** If a student is in need of additional tickets, they can be purchased by the **graduate** only through the bookstore from May 15th through May 23rd. Please do not use the tickets as graduation announcements. The school reserves the right to review the guest list and deny entry of a guest to the ceremony.

Guests

Guests must be appropriately dressed for admission to the graduation ceremony. Those who come wearing cut-offs, flip flops or tee shirts with obscene wording or pictures will be turned away.

Please do **not** bring **balloons** or other gifts to the ceremony. These items will **not** be allowed into the arena, and guests will be asked to leave the items in their vehicle. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and sit with an adult.

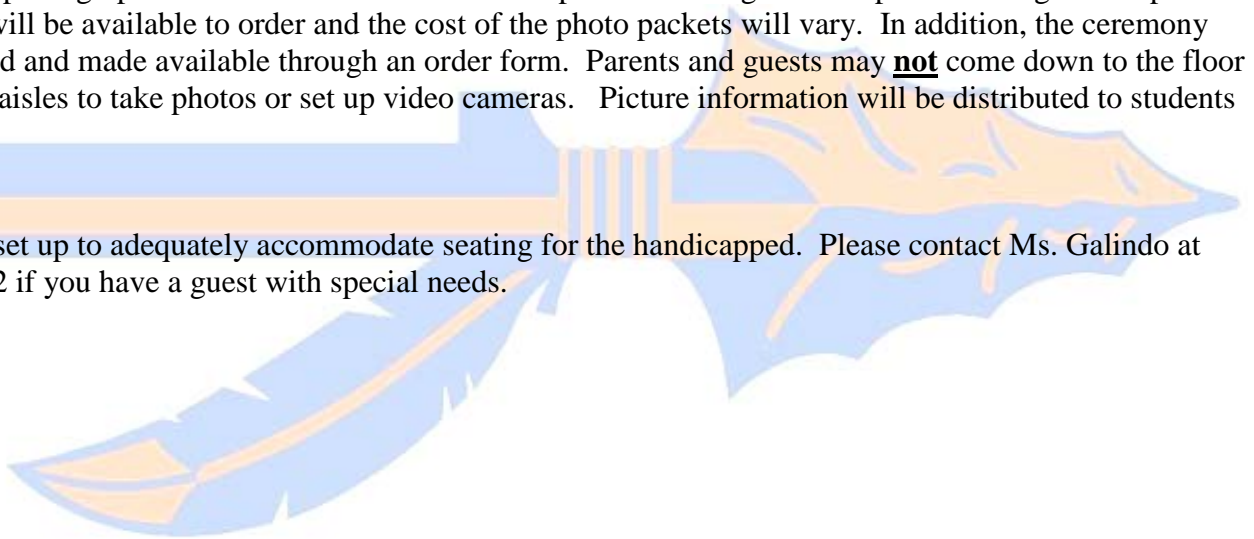
Spectators are asked to act with restraint and not applaud, call out, whistle or use an air horn during the reading of the graduates' names. It is devastating to a family to have their graduate's brief moment stolen by someone's outburst and is very disruptive to the spirit of the ceremony. It simply should not occur.

Professional Photographer

A professional photographer has been contracted to take a photo of each graduate upon receiving their diploma. These photos will be available to order and the cost of the photo packets will vary. In addition, the ceremony will be recorded and made available through an order form. Parents and guests may **not** come down to the floor or stand in the aisles to take photos or set up video cameras. Picture information will be distributed to students on May 23rd.

Special Needs

The facility is set up to adequately accommodate seating for the handicapped. Please contact Ms. Galindo at (623) 915-8922 if you have a guest with special needs.



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Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 27th

Senior Chats in Government classes.

Ticket Request Forms will be handed out. Any student not in attendance will need to schedule an appointment with Mr. Latham. ****It is the student's responsibility to schedule the appointment.**

Monday, May 1st

Graduation Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the main auditorium.

Thursday, May 4th

Ticket request forms must be returned to Government/Economics teachers.
****request forms must be signed by parent/guardian.**

Monday, May 15-Tuesday, May 23rd **Additional Tickets can be purchased in the bookstore.**

Monday, May 15th

Honors and Awards Ceremony in the Main Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 18th

Senior Final Exams- Periods 4/5, 6, 7
****Regular school day for grades 9 - 11**

Friday, May 19th

Senior Final Exams - Periods 1, 2, 3
Seniors dismissed after 3rd period
Remove all personal items from lockers.
All debts must be cleared with cash through the Bookstore.
Books and Senior Check-Out Forms are due to the Bookstore.

Tuesday, May 23rd

Senior Breakfast and Mandatory Graduation Meeting/Practice in the auditorium.
-Professional picture information distributed
-Cap and gowns distributed following the meeting in the lobby of the Main Gym.
Pick up additional tickets in the Bookstore-if there are any available.
****we cannot guarantee how many additional tickets will be available.**
-Remove all personal items from lockers.
-All debts must be cleared with cash through the Bookstore.

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

GRADUATION DAY!!!

Seniors check in at facility at 3:15 p.m.
Ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m.

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Pre-Order Your Graduation DVD Today!!!

Preserve the memory of your senior's special day. Pre-order your DVD now. The professionally recorded DVD's are only \$10 and will feature the entire ceremony, including each student's walk across the stage. Return this form with your money to the Thunderbird bookstore to reserve your copy.

Pre-Ordered DVD purchases will be mailed to the address below

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of DVDs: _____ X\$10.00 _____

(Cash Only)