



WINGATE UNIVERSITY

Commencement INFORMATION

FALL 2019



Information for Family & Guests

CEREMONY INFORMATION

The commencement and hooding ceremony will take place in the Cuddy Arena on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10 a.m.**

TICKETS & SEATING

Please arrive early.

Tickets are required; however, seat location is first-come, first-serve. Reserved seating for faculty, administrators, trustees, and graduating students is marked with blue ribbons. Information about tickets will be released to graduates in November.

PARKING

Parking for Commencement is available in all campus parking lots.

Visitors may park in any campus lot for the event. There is no cost to park when you're attending Commencement. You can expect to be directed by Campus Safety staff to an available lot. **Arrive early to get a better parking space.**

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING

We are especially attentive to our guests who require a little extra help when traveling to Commencement. You or your guest must be attending Commencement and have a handicap parking permit to use handicapped parking for Commencement. For the December ceremony, please use the Stegall Administration parking lot.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms will be available inside The Cannon Complex, which houses Cuddy Arena.

SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING

We do not designate an area for special needs because seating in the Cuddy Arena is accessible. The commencement ceremony seats are folding chairs, which can be easily moved to make room for a wheelchair, walker or stroller.

PHOTOGRAPHY

You may take pictures. Professional photographers are also present at Commencement to take pictures of graduates as they receive their diplomas. The photography studio will mail order information to graduates the week after Commencement. If for some reason you do not receive ordering information, please visit the photographer's website: www.ifitsdigital.com

VIDEOGRAPHY

The ceremony is recorded as well. You may purchase DVDs through the Marketing and Communications Office for \$30 per DVD. Please make checks payable to Ms. Kristen Johnson Yost in the Office of Marketing and Communications and mail to 102 W. Wilson St. Wingate, NC 28174. Emails will be sent to the graduating students' wingate.edu email address, so please check with your family before ordering to avoid duplication.

LINK TO LIVE STREAM:

If you cannot make it to the ceremony, please join us on the live feed using this link: https://youtu.be/JZHJa7_4Dc4



TO
THE
STARS
WHO
LISTEN



INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

In the event of inclement weather, students will be notified of any changes to the schedule via their Wingate email address, on the Wingate.edu website, and on Wingate social media outlets.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Registrar's Office:	704.233.8006
Wingate Outfitters:	704.233.8027
Campus Security:	704.233.8999
Lyceum Office:	704.233.8708
Residence Life:	704.233.8245
Marketing & Communications:	704.233.8109
Events:	704.233.8316





Information for Graduates

FAQS

I am graduating. How do I find out about requirements, the Commencement ceremony and other important information?

First, you must apply for graduation. It's a graduation requirement. After you apply, the Office of the Registrar, Student Financial Planning, the Business Office and other campus offices will contact you sometime between the time you apply and graduation. We recommend that you visit the Commencement section on the website, (www.wingate.edu/around-campus/events/wingate-commencement), join your class social media pages and check for email from the Office of the Registrar after you apply so you stay up-to-date on the information you need.

When is the Commencement ceremony?

There will be one fall Commencement ceremony. Degree candidates for the ceremony will line up in the McGee Center at 9:15 a.m.

How do I purchase a cap and gown?

The easiest way is to visit the Herff-Jones website.

colleges.herffjones.com/college/wingate

- Undergraduates need a bachelor's degree gown and cap.
- Graduate students receiving a MAED, MAT, MBA, MASM, MPAS or a MAC degree are required to have a master's gown, hood, and cap.
- Graduate students receiving an EdS degree need a doctoral gown, a master's hood, and cap.
- Students receiving a Doctor of Education, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Doctor of Pharmacy or Doctor of Physical Therapy degree are required to have the doctoral gown, hood, tam, and tassel set.

The University reserves the right to remove a degree candidate from the commencement ceremony if the candidate is not wearing the approved regalia as shown on pages 12 and 13 of this booklet. Questions regarding regalia should be emailed to commencement@wingate.edu. Candidates are highly encouraged to use Herff-Jones exclusively, as their website has correct information on approved Wingate regalia.

When is Commencement rehearsal? Do I have to attend?

Wingate does not have Commencement rehearsal. To watch a video about what you need to know for Commencement, please visit the Wingate YouTube site. Graduates will receive an email link to the video the week prior to the ceremonies.

What is the dress code?

Caps and gowns are required. Stoles and fraternity cords are permitted. Honor cords are distributed shortly before the Commencement lineup. "Sunday" dress is considered appropriate for both men and women. Ladies should wear dresses, skirts or dress trousers. Men should wear trousers and shirts with collars. Black shoes and socks are preferred. Guests should follow the same dress code.

How are graduation honors calculated?

Undergraduate graduation honors are calculated using all college work attempted, but transfer work cannot raise the Wingate University GPA. Cumulative GPA is calculated by taking all quality points and dividing that by all hours attempted. GPAs are not rounded. As an example, if you have a 3.999, it will not be rounded to a 4.00.

Graduation honors are notated on your diploma, on your transcript and in the commencement program. Your honors are also announced during the commencement ceremony. Due to the limited amount of time between final grades and commencement, honors may not be completely accurate.

Graduation honors are as follows:

- Cum laude = 3.500 to 3.649
(Doctors of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy: Cum laude = 3.50 to 3.69)
- Magna cum laude = 3.650 to 3.899
(Doctors of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy: Magna cum laude = 3.70 to 3.89)
- Summa cum laude = 3.900 to 4.000
(Doctors of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy: Summa cum laude = 3.90 to 4.00)

Please contact the Office of the Registrar if you have questions on how to calculate your GPA.

The Pi Alpha Honor Society recognizes Physician Assistants who have significant academic achievement and honors, leadership, research, community/professional service and other related activities. The society also encourages a high standard of character and conduct among students and graduates. The students are recognized by a turquoise and grey cord.

Where do I purchase my class ring?

You can purchase your class ring online from Herff Jones, the official graduation vendor of Wingate University. Their website makes it easy. You can purchase graduation announcements and diploma frames from Herff Jones as well at colleges.herffjones.com/college/wingate.

If I do not participate in Commencement, when will I receive my diploma?

If you choose not to participate in Commencement, your diploma will be mailed out by certified mail the week after Commencement. **Please notify the Office of the Registrar that you do not plan to attend the ceremony.**

I have completed my academic course requirements, but I have not completed my Lyceum Series. Will I be able to receive my diploma?

No. The Lyceum Series is a graduation requirement. You will not be eligible to walk in the Commencement ceremony, and your degree will not be awarded until the Lyceum requirement is fulfilled. The Lyceum Series only applies to undergraduate students (excluding those earning a BLS degree).

How long will seniors who live on campus have to check out of their on-campus housing?

Please contact the Office of Residence Life at 704-233-8245 for more information. Closer to Commencement, check-out procedures will be posted and distributed to all residential students. The deadline is Sunday after Commencement at 5 p.m.

If you have more questions, please contact the Office of the Registrar at commencement@wingate.edu. We will do our best to get you the answers you need.



Academic Regalia

Bachelors Regalia



- Black robe with twin front pleats, long sleeves, and a zipper closure.
- The robe should fall around mid-shin length.
- Mortarboards (cap) with black tassels.
- Stoles (shown in left photo) are permitted to be worn.



Masters Regalia



- Black robe with elongated sleeve extensions draping below the wrist openings.
- The robe should fall around mid-shin to ankle length.
- Mortarboards (cap) with black tassels.
- Masters hood matching your degree:
 - Accounting - Drab
 - Education - Light Blue
 - Sport Management - Sage Green
 - Teaching - Light Blue
 - Business Administration - Drab
 - Physician Assistant Studies - Kelly Green

Masters robe with a properly displayed hood

Education Specialist Regalia



- Black Doctoral robe with bell sleeves and three chevrons on each sleeve in light blue, fine pleating velvet panels from the hemline to the center of the back, also in your discipline color.
- The robe should fall at ankle length.
- Masters of Education hood.
- Mortar board (cap) with light blue tassel.

Doctoral Regalia



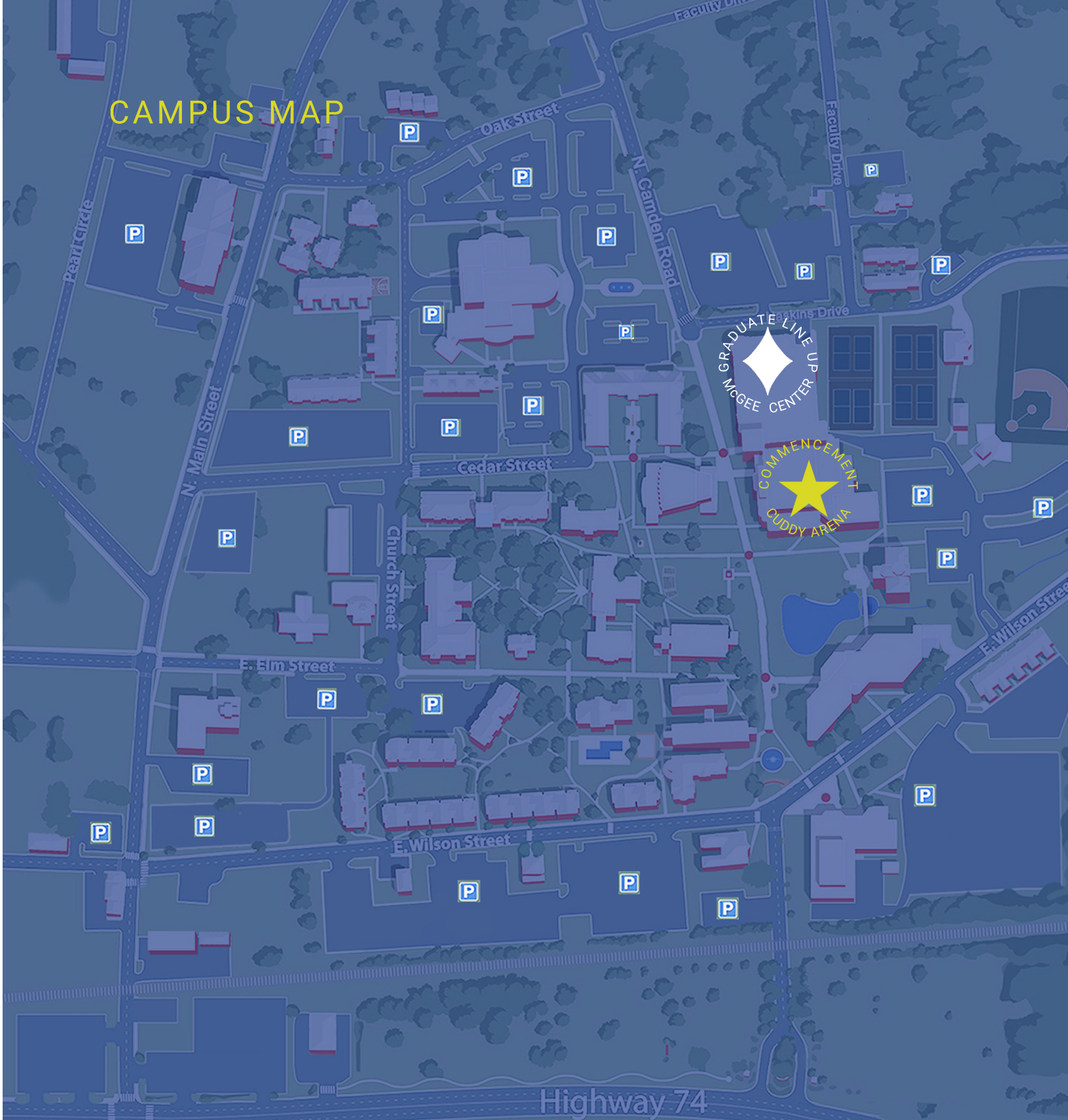
- Black Doctoral robe with bell sleeves and three chevrons on each sleeve in your discipline color, fine pleating velvet panels from the hemline to the center of the back, also in your discipline colors.
- The robe should fall at ankle length.
- Doctoral hood (longer and wider than masters hoods).
- 8-pointed Tam (cap) with appropriate colored tassels
 - Pharmacy – Olive Green
 - Education – Light Blue
 - Physical Therapy - Gold

Accommodations

For local accommodations, please contact one of our preferred properties. Don't forget to mention that you are visiting Wingate University for your discounted rate.

1. **Hampton Inn** (9 miles from Wingate – approx. 20 minutes)
hamptoninn3.hilton.com
2368 Roland Drive (across from Chick-fil-A)
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-220-2200
Toll Free: 800-426-7866
2. **Holiday Inn Express** (8 miles from Wingate – approx. 15 minutes)
holidayinn.com
2505 W. Roosevelt Blvd.
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-774-1770
3. **Courtyard by Marriott** (18 miles from Wingate - approx. 35 minutes)
marriott.com/courtyard
11425 E. Independence Blvd. (Hwy. 74 near Pizza Hut and I-485)
Matthews, N.C. 28105
Phone: 704-846-4466
4. **Best Western Inn & Suites** (8 miles from Wingate – approx. 20 minutes)
bestwestern.com
2316 Hanover Drive (across from Wal-Mart)
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-283-4746
Fax: 704-283-1815
5. **Quality Inn & Suites** (8 miles from Wingate – approx. 20 minutes)
qualityinn.com
2351 W. Roosevelt Blvd. (across from Wal-Mart)
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-283-9600
6. **Quality Inn & Suites** (17 miles from Wingate – approx. 35 minutes)
qualityinn.com
13470 E. Independence Blvd. (Hwy. 74 near Cracker Barrel)
Matthews, N.C. 28105
Phone: 704-821-9800

CAMPUS MAP



Commencement
Location



Graduate Line Up
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