



# Graduation Information

Saturday, May 29, 2021

10:30 a.m. at UT Tyler

Louise Herrington Patriot Center (HPC)

As we prepare to host our Graduation ceremony, we want to provide you with information on all Graduation activities:

## **Senior Banquet:**

Each campus will be hosting Senior Banquets for scholars and parents to acknowledge their hard work and to celebrate their achievements. All seniors are encouraged to attend and wear presentation attire. Each senior will be given three tickets, one ticket for the student and two tickets for family members. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 each. Dinner will be provided. Every scholar will be given a tri-fold board to build a senior memory board for display at the event. Suggestions for the senior memory board include childhood photos, senior photos, biography, memorabilia, and more. A program for the event will be created that will include a photo and short biography on each senior.

Longview Campus – Tuesday, May 18, 6:00 p.m., The Reserve

Tyler Campus – Monday, May 17, 6:00 p.m., Ornelas Activity Center

Palestine Campus – Thursday, May 20, 6:00 p.m., Evangelistic Temple

## **Rehearsal:**

On Friday, May 28, all seniors will participate in a Graduation Rehearsal at the Louise Herrington Patriot Center (3900 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas, 75799). The bus will pick up students on campus and transport scholars to the UT Tyler Louise Herrington Patriot Center where they will go through a formal rehearsal of the graduation ceremony that morning. Students will return to Longview/Palestine campuses around 2:30 PM.

## **Graduation Ceremony:**

**Date:** Saturday, May 29, 2021

**Location:** UT Tyler Herrington Patriot Center (HPC) in Tyler

**Ceremony Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Seniors Arrive:** 9:00 a.m.

# Graduation Frequently Asked Questions:

- How will Graduation be conducted with all 3 campuses?
  - We will have one Graduation ceremony and acknowledge Seniors from all three campuses together.
- Will each campus have a Valedictorian and a Salutatorian?
  - Yes, we will honor a Valedictorian and Salutatorian from each campus. Each Valedictorian will give a brief speech in honor of their accomplishment.
- What accomplishments will be honored during the ceremony?
  - The school will provide Valedictorian and Salutatorian medallions.
  - The school will provide Honor Stoles for scholars who have earned a 4.25 GPA.
  - The school will provide Dual Credit Scholar cords to scholars who will be graduating with Dual Credit hours.
  - Scholars may purchase cords/stoles for other accomplishments such as:
    - National Honor Society
    - Student Council
    - Class Officer
    - Blood Donor (free if student qualifies)
- What time should scholars arrive at Graduation?
  - 9:00 a.m.
  - We will have a light breakfast available for the graduates.
- Is there a dress code?
  - Yes. Please, no jeans. Scholars should wear dark colored professional dress and shoes. Their shoes should be ones they can walk in comfortably.
- May scholars decorate their Graduation caps?
  - No.
- How many guests can we bring?
  - You may invite your family and close friends.
- Will parents be allowed to “be where the graduates are” when the graduates are there at 9:00 a.m. and graduation doesn’t start until 10:30?
  - No, graduates will be in a ready-room where their Campus Director will assist them with their graduation regalia and prepare them for the processional. The doors open at 9:00 a.m. for seating.
- Will there be a “reserved” seating area for the 2 parents/guardians of each graduate?
  - No, seating is on a first-come, first serve basis in the bleachers.
- Will seniors and guests be required to wear PPE and social distance?
  - Masks will be optional, but are strongly encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated. Social distancing is also encouraged.

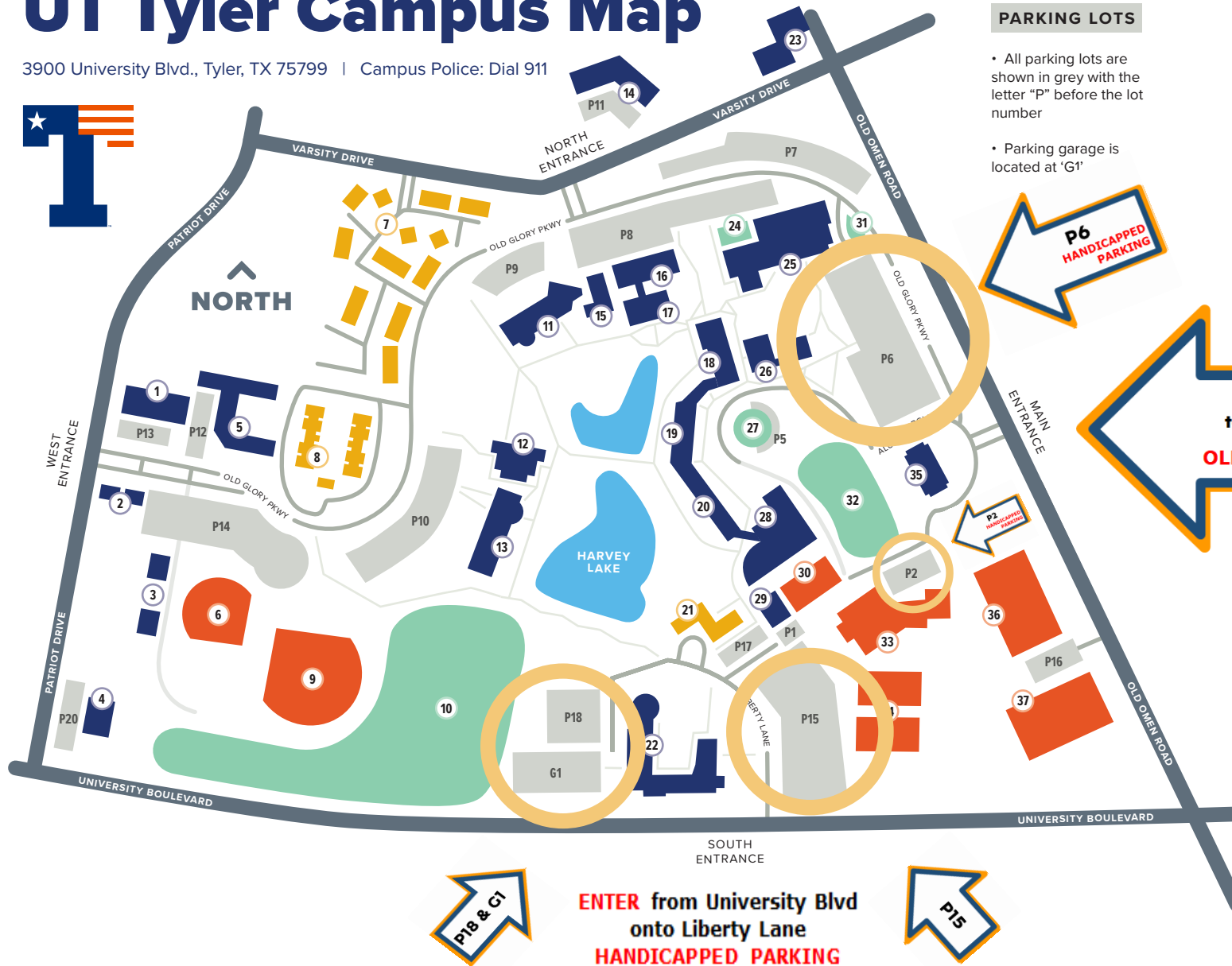
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- Are students allowed to have their cell phones during the ceremony?
  - No, students will be asked to place their cell phones in a basket in the make-ready area to prevent distractions during this important event. The baskets will be brought to the photo area so that students may collect them at the end of the recessional line. **No other personal items should be brought to the ready-room or ceremony; we are not responsible for lost/stolen items.**
- Will there be a photographer available to take the “stage photos, diploma acceptance/handshake photos” and if so, will there be a charge for that?
  - A photographer will be at the event to take candid and stage photos. A link will be shared with graduates and their families. Photos can be purchased direct from the link.
- Will there be livestream/video of the ceremony?
  - A videographer will be filming footage throughout the event, including behind the scenes, candid, and the ceremony. A professionally produced keepsake video will be published to our YouTube approximately 1-week post ceremony.
  - We will not be livestreaming the event, families are welcome to stream from their phones in the audience if they so choose.
- Will there be a time and place for family/group photos after the ceremony?
  - The back half of the stadium floor will be available for families/friends to meet up with their graduate and take family/group photos. Additionally, a UT Tyler photo backdrop will be available for photo opportunities.
- Where should graduates and guests park on campus?
  - Parking will be marked for your convenience. Please refer to the attached map for further information.
  - Golf cart service will be available for those in need of assistance.
- Are there any additional activities upon the conclusion of the ceremony?
  - After the ceremony is complete and students have completed the recessional, guests are free to meet their graduate on the stadium floor for photos.
  - As students/guests leave the stadium, a UT Tyler Admissions table will be set-up for graduates to receive UT Tyler swag items and information about the university.
  - The UT Tyler Bookstore will be open in the University Center (UC) in order to purchase t-shirts, caps, and other UT Tyler items.

**We look forward to seeing everyone at graduation!**

# UT Tyler Campus Map

3900 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75799 | Campus Police: Dial 911



## University Academy High School Graduation Parking Map

