

CLASS OF 2025 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND REMINDERS

Thursday, May 29

- Commencement Rehearsal: 10 a.m.-noon, Mosack Athletic Center—Attendance Required for seniors. **Seniors should arrive by 9:50, as we won't begin until all seniors are there.**
Casual dress, although if you're wearing high heels to Commencement, you may want to bring them to rehearsal to practice climbing the stage steps.
- Individual cap and gown photos: 3:00-4:30 p.m., Mosack Athletic Center—optional, no appointment needed.
- Senior Class Graduation Photo: 4:30 p.m., Mosack Athletic Center—Attendance Required for seniors. Cap and gown attire for both photos: ***Dark pants with a collared shirt and tie; or dark pants or a skirt with a blouse; or dresses that do not fall below the hem of the gown. For all: shoes that are easy to walk in; tassels on the right side.***
- Senior Class and Faculty Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Dining Hall Courtyard—sponsored by the Alumni Office—**Seniors only.**
- Senior Convocation: 7:00 p.m., Fine Arts Theater—Attendance required for seniors. **Parents of seniors are invited.** This event will be livestreamed for all other family and friends.
 - This is an approximately hour-long program with music by PDS seniors, class officer speakers, and a reflective message by a PDS faculty member.
 - Dress for both Dinner and Convocation is the cap and gown attire described above.

Friday, May 30

- Commencement: 9:30 a.m., Mosack Athletic Center—***Seniors assemble by 9:10 a.m.*** All family and friends are invited to this TICKETLESS event.
 - Cap and gown attire.
 - MAC doors open at 8:30 a.m.
 - This ceremony is approximately 2 hours and will be livestreamed.
 - Immediately following the ceremony, all are welcome to a reception behind the MAC with light refreshments. This is a great time to say farewell and visit with family, friends, and faculty.

Parking on Commencement Day

- There will be complimentary valet parking on campus that morning. **We recommend arriving to campus no later than 8:45. There will be an assigned parking lot for anyone who opts out of valet parking, as all other spaces will be for valet use only.**

Accessibility Services

- Accessible seating for guests in wheelchairs, walkers, or with any other mobility issues is available both in the MAC balcony and on the gym floor (accessible via elevator).

Graduation Photography and Video Options

- Brian Osborne will take the class group photo and individual cap and gown photos. See the attached order form for instructions and prices. You can order photos in advance or on the day of the picture.
- The Commencement livestream will be recorded and posted on Charger Commons.
- After Commencement, Dr. Cowlshaw will send to each senior's parents a photograph of their senior receiving the diploma and shaking Dr. Cowlshaw's hand. Additional Commencement photos will be available for purchase from the school photographer, Mike McCarn. The photos and ordering details will be available approximately one week after the ceremony at <http://clients.mikemccarnphotography.com/pds2025>

Questions about your cap and gown or announcements?

- Contact Chris Gaither at chris.gaither@jostens.com or 704-450-0737