

Saturday, May 6, 2017

The Arena at Northwest Florida State College • Niceville, FL

10:00 a.m. Ceremony – Certificate, AAS, AS, & Bachelor Degree Graduates

2:00 p.m. Ceremony – AA Degree & Florida GED Students

RSVP To Participate In Commencement Ceremony

To ensure that your name is announced at the ceremony,
RSVP now at <http://www.nwfsc.edu/Students/Enrollment/Graduation/Commencement>.

*Only the students who participate in a commencement ceremony will receive the
2017 Northwest Florida State College Commemorative Medallion.*

CEREMONY

10:00 a.m. Ceremony

- Graduates of Certificate, Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Associate of Science (AS) and Bachelor Degree Programs (BAS, BSN, BSE).

2:00 p.m. Ceremony

- Graduates of Associate in Arts (AA) & Florida High School Diploma (GED).

REGALIA

Regalia is available for purchase at the Niceville Barnes & Noble College Bookstore beginning March 20 - April 14.

A late fee will be added to purchases made after April 14.
A Grad Fair will be held April 3 and 4.

- Full academic regalia (cap, gown, tassel, baccalaureate stole) is required for participation.
- Baccalaureate stoles MUST be worn and can be purchased for an additional fee.
- You must present your Student ID Card to pick up regalia.
- Store Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Extra tassels are available for purchase.
- Borrowed regalia is not permitted.

For more information please contact the Barnes and Noble College Bookstore at (850) 729-5384.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COLLEGE RINGS

- Vendors will be on site for assistance with ordering Announcements and College Rings. For more information please contact the Barnes and Noble College Bookstore at (850) 729-5384.
- Celebrate your success! Order your graduation announcements, diploma frames, college rings and more online at <http://cbgrad.balfour.com> or call 1-800-433-0296.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Professional photos will be taken of each grad as they cross the stage and a proof will be sent to each graduate for possible purchase.
- In the interest of safety, and keeping aisles open, **all photos taken by guests must be taken from their seats. Hand-held video cameras are allowed – but, no tripods.**

HONOR STUDENTS

- Gold Cords (Summa Cum Laude & Highest Honors) 4.0 GPA.
- Silver Cords (Magna Cum Laude & High Honors) 3.80-3.99 GPA.
- Red Cords (Cum Laude & Honors) 3.50-3.79 GPA.
- Red, White, & Blue Cords – Active Duty or Veterans.
- Distributed after check-in at separate table.
- Designation in program and receipt of cords based upon cumulative GPA. Spring graduates – Fall GPA used since spring grades are not posted until after the ceremony.
- Questions? Contact the Registrar's Office at 850-729-4901.

PHI THETA KAPPA STOLES/TASSELS

PTK members who intend to graduate and wear the PTK stole and tassel must contact Ms. Donna Pierson prior to April 15, 2017 to be cleared as a member in good standing who is eligible to wear the PTK honor regalia, and have the PTK designation on their **final transcript**. **This designation will not be added to the transcript unless PTK members follow these instructions.**

REMEMBER: PTK members are responsible for purchasing their stole and tassel prior to the ceremony. These are **not** given out by the College Bookstore. These can be purchased from the PTK national organization at www.ptk.org/store/graduation.

College honor cords, baccalaureate stoles and PTK stoles/tassels are the only additions allowed to regalia. No PTK honor cords allowed.

PTK Sponsor: Ms. Donna Pierson E-mail: piersond@nwfsc.edu

ATTIRE/DRESS

Active duty military and veterans are permitted to wear their service dress uniform.

Suggested Dress for Women

- Dark dresses, dark shoes
- No high collars or bows at neck
- No corsages or jewelry on robe

Suggested Dress for Men

- Dark trousers, white shirts
- Dark shoes and socks
- Dark ties

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Student Affairs/Registrar.....850-729-4901
Disability Support Services850-729-6079
Barnes & Noble College Bookstore: Niceville850-729-5384

2017 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, CONTINUED

CHECK-IN AND CEREMONY

- Arrive dressed in cap and gown, **no later** than 30 minutes prior to the start of your ceremony.
- Wear cap with tassel on right side before ceremony.
- Report to check-in at the Arena.
- **Only graduates will be permitted to enter the Check-In Area. Guests need to proceed directly to the Arena.**
- Pick up your *white card* from a member of Student Affairs at check-in. This card is key to the Commencement Ceremony. It serves the following purposes:
 - 1) Gives your name and home address to the photographer, so you receive proofs of your photos and;
 - 2) Provides your name to the announcer for individual recognition on stage (hand the card to the announcer as you step onto the stage).

GUESTS

- The Arena doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony for guests.
- No tickets are required. Seating is open, on a first-come-first served basis.
- Seating for guests with disabilities is available, again on a first-come-first-served basis. Contact Disability Support Services at 850-729-6075, if special accommodations are required.

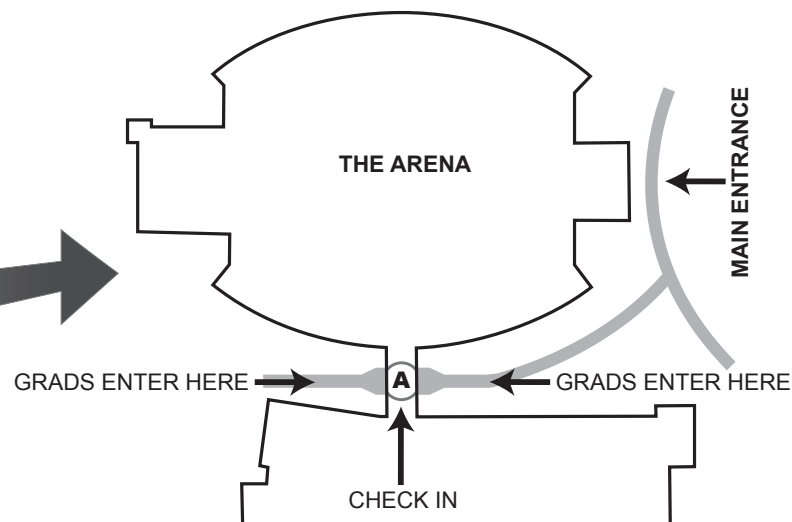
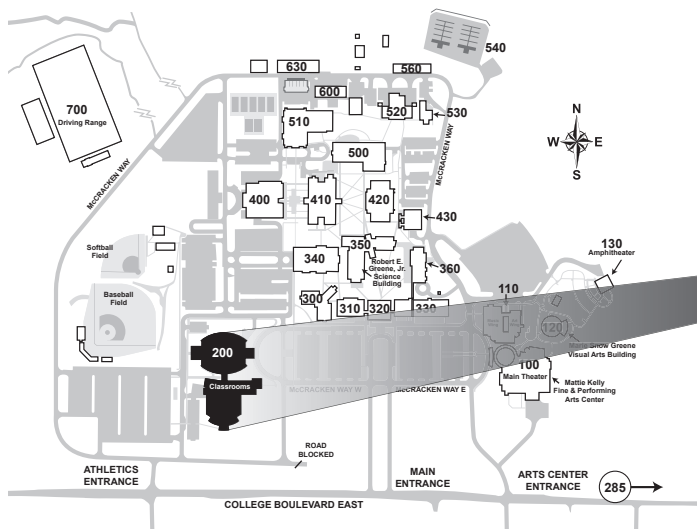
PARKING

- Large lots north and west of the Arena with additional parking east of the Arena at NWF State College.
- Graduates, remember to allow yourself time to park and get to the Arena check-in **no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of your ceremony.**

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

- Graduates arrive **no later** than 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.
9:30 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. ceremony and
1:30 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. ceremony
- Proper behavior/courtesy is important for this special occasion.
- Only Graduates will be permitted to enter the check-in area. Guests need to proceed directly to the Arena.
- Entire audience (including graduates) remains standing until invocation is finished.
- Ceremony lasts one to one-and-a-half hours.
- Graduates must participate in the entire ceremony.
- Everyone stands for benediction and recessional.
- If it is necessary for guests to leave the Arena, please do so as quietly as possible so as not to disturb other families whose graduate has not yet been recognized.
- The College is holding two ceremonies on May 6, 2017, so we ask guests and students attending the 10:00 a.m. ceremony to exit the Arena area and parking lots in a **timely** fashion to allow for arrival of the guests and students attending the 2:00 p.m. ceremony.

THE ARENA at NWF STATE COLLEGE – NICEVILLE CAMPUS



On-time arrival for graduation ceremonies is critical since no rehearsal takes place prior to the ceremonies.

GRADUATES:

STEP 1 – NO SECURE PLACE IS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL VALUABLES (HANDBAG, KEYS, ETC.). DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS WITH YOU TO THE CEREMONY. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR REGALIA (CAP, GOWN & TASSEL).

STEP 2 – REPORT TO THE CHECK-IN AT POINT (A) IN THE BREEZEWAY ENTRANCE TO THE RAIDER CLUB.



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