A Guide to
Commencement

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202-994-5050

or

www.commencement.gwu.edu

May 18–20, 2007
Office of the President

To our 2007 Graduates, their Families, and Friends:

On behalf of all of us at The George Washington University, I want to congratulate the members of the graduating class and welcome all of you to our Commencement Celebration. The faculty and staff of The George Washington University have planned a grand weekend of events and activities. This year our graduation ceremony will take place on the National Mall, between Fourth and Seventh Streets. In addition, in separate ceremonies during the weekend, each school will host a celebration that recognizes the achievements of its graduates.

As some of you may be aware, in 1995 we were famously forced to cancel the ceremony on the Ellipse due to a highly unusual, life-threatening lightning storm. Optimistic as we are that the Commencement 2007 Weekend will proceed without a hitch, there is no guarantee. As a result, we hope to secure the Verizon Center as an alternate site, which we believe to be the best insurance policy available. This booklet will provide you with the details you need regarding alternate plans and emergency information; please read it carefully.

Commencement is a significant occasion in the life of every student, one we hope is enhanced by the presence of family, friends, and teachers. There is an added degree of personal significance for me this year as this is the final Commencement I will preside over as president of The George Washington University. In this moment of collective pride and shared joy, it is an occasion for reflection and a statement of hope.

I look forward to greeting you!

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

As more than 20,000 guests are expected to attend Commencement Weekend events, it is recommended that graduates and their guests read and heed the information in this booklet. Please note as you read the booklet, “I” Street should be read as the letter “I” (as in “I Love GW”), not as the number 1 (one). Information about GW’s 2007 Commencement Weekend also is available online at www.commencement.gwu.edu.
Commencement Weekend Schedule of Events
Friday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony
Marine Corps War Memorial (rain site, National Archives). For further information, please call (202) 994-5880.

11:00 a.m. Elliott School of International Affairs Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-3002.

1:30 p.m. Doctoral Hooding Ceremony
Lisner Auditorium. Tickets required.

3:00 p.m. University Interfaith Baccalaureate Service
Western Presbyterian Church. For further information, please call (202) 994-7129.

4:00 p.m. School of Business Undergraduate Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-8252.

7:30 p.m. School of Business Graduate Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-8252.

Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Graduate School of Education and Human Development Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-2194.

9:00 a.m. Phi Beta Kappa Installation
Lisner Auditorium. The George Washington University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honors the newly elected members. By invitation.

12:00 p.m. First Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-6210.

12:00 p.m. School of Public Health and Health Services Celebration
Lisner Auditorium. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-2632.

3:30 p.m. Second Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-6210.

4:00 p.m. School of Medicine and Health Sciences Celebration (Health Sciences Graduates)
Lisner Auditorium. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-0437.

7:00 p.m. College of Professional Studies Celebration
Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-2083.

7:30 p.m. School of Engineering and Applied Science Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-1858.

8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monumental Celebration at Union Station
50 Massachusetts Avenue, NE. All graduates, friends, and family invited. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call (202) 994-1600 or visit www.commencement.gwu.edu.

Sunday, May 20 COMMENCEMENT!

9:00 a.m. Upon arrival to the National Mall, graduates should proceed immediately to the procession formation site designated for their school. Graduates will be able to identify their school’s line-up location by the color-coded banners that will be in place on the National Mall. More information on school colors and line-ups can be found on the National Mall Information Flyer in this booklet.

9:30 a.m. The procession begins.

10:00 a.m. The University Commencement begins.
The Commencement is expected to last about two hours.

2:30 p.m. School of Medicine and Health Sciences MD Celebration
Lisner Auditorium. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-2170.

2:30 p.m. Law School Celebration
Charles E. Smith Athletic Center. Tickets required. For further information, please call (202) 994-6288.
THE BIG DAY—Sunday, May 20, 2007

The George Washington University Commencement will be held Sunday, May 20, 2007, on the east end of the National Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol. The academic processions will start at 9:30 a.m. Commencement will begin at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to last approximately two hours. Please Note: All ushers and official Commencement staff will be wearing GW baseball caps, blue polo shirts, and nametags. Please look to these guides for assistance on Sunday. Graduates should arrive at the National Mall between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. to line up for 9:30 a.m. processions. Parents and guests should be seated by 9:30 a.m. when the processions begin. Faculty and school representatives will be present to assist with the formation of each procession line. The schools are color-coded. Graduates should report to the appropriate color-coded location when they arrive at the National Mall.

Tips for Being on Time

- Parking is extremely limited near the National Mall. Guests are urged to park on campus and utilize the shuttle bus service between the campus and the National Mall. Shuttle bus service begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information about transportation to the National Mall, please see page 4.
- Shuttle buses can get crowded. If you wish to see or be part of the academic processions you should board the bus between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
- Graduates should be at the National Mall by 9 a.m. The academic processions will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp! Family and guests should be seated by that time.

Seating on the National Mall

The seating at Commencement will be based on a color-coded system that identifies each school. Graduates will need to remember their school’s color code. Each school’s procession will form at the rear of the audience seats in areas designated by the school’s colors; graduates should look for gold and blue banners edged in the school’s designated color.

- Guests should remember that the National Mall is a series of grassy plots surrounded by gravel walkways. Everyone is encouraged to wear comfortable, flat-heeled shoes.
- We are planning for a cool, dry, sunny day! However, in the event of inclement weather, guests are encouraged to dress appropriately and bring rain gear.
- Umbrellas may be handy in the event of sunny, as well as rainy, weather.
- They may, however, obscure the view of the guests behind you. We request you please be considerate of those seated around you.
- The National Mall can become very warm on a sunny day. Don’t forget your binoculars, sun screen, sun hats, and water. Aqua pennants will mark water stations on the National Mall. While bottled water will be available, you may wish to bring some of your own.
- The use of personal video cameras will be allowed to the extent that they do not obstruct the view of other guests. Please be considerate and aware of others in the audience.
- The National Mall is a large space. Be sure to agree before the ceremony where you will meet your graduate or ceremony participant when the ceremony concludes.
- There will be a paramedic station on the National Mall. It is located inside the tent with the red cross. Ushers will direct lost children to the paramedic station.
- The lost and found will be located at the paramedic station.
- Restroom trailers will be provided at the National Mall for your convenience.

Information for Individuals with Disabilities

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Sign language interpreters will be provided at the National Mall Commencement. If you wish to be seated near an interpreter at the ceremony, please call the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) at (202) 994-8250 (Voice/ TDD) before Monday, April 24, to make arrangements for special seating. Sign language interpreters will be provided at other Commencement Weekend events on an as-needed basis. Please call (202) 994-8250 (Voice/TDD) to request an interpreter at a specific celebration before Monday, April 24.
Wheelchair-Accessible Seating on the National Mall and at School Celebrations

To rent or purchase wheelchairs, call Scoot Around at (888) 441-7575 or visit its Web site, www.scootaround.com. Graduates in wheelchairs should contact the Office of University Events at (202) 994-7129 as soon as possible and before Monday, April 24, to make the necessary arrangements for Commencement. For guests and graduates, GW provides wheelchair-accessible shuttle buses that pull up as close as possible to the National Mall. The section of seating that is closest to this drop-off location is reserved for anyone with severe mobility problems and anyone in a wheelchair. One guest from the individual’s party may join the disable guest in this section. Ushers will be available to assist with seating. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping this section available for those with serious mobility concerns. The National Mall is an uneven, grassy, and rocky space that will be crowded on Commencement day. Your patience and cooperation will be appreciated.

All University buildings being used for Commencement activities are wheelchair accessible. For further questions about wheelchair-accessible seating at School Celebrations, please contact the school directly. A list of schools and their phone numbers can be found on page 6.

Transportation to the National Mall

On Sunday, May 20, guests and graduates parking on the GW campus may take the Metro from the Foggy Bottom Metro Station to several stations within walking distance from the National Mall. See the paragraphs below on Metro Service and other transportation options.

If you choose to travel to the National Mall by car, though we recommend that you do not, families are encouraged to drop off elderly guests and guests who cannot walk long distances, as close to the National Mall as possible before parking. Be sure your guests know where their car is parked in the event we must leave the National Mall unexpectedly.

- Shuttle Bus Service - Guests may also utilize the campus shuttle bus service located on I Street between 21st and 22nd streets. Shuttle buses are for all graduates and guests and will operate continuously from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The buses will depart campus from I Street between 21st and 22nd streets. The buses will depart the National Mall from designated locations near the National Mall.
- Wheelchair-Accessible Shuttle Bus - Wheelchair-accessible buses will provide regular transportation to and from the National Mall from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day of Commencement. The University parking garages are wheelchair accessible. Shuttle buses with wheelchair lifts will pick up passengers on the north side of I street between 21st and 22nd streets. The entire party of the guest in the wheelchair is welcome to ride the wheelchair-accessible shuttle to the National Mall.
- Taxis - A trip to the National Mall from a downtown hotel via taxi will cost about $8-$15 depending on the distance traveled and number of people. Taxis usually are available on streets surrounding the National Mall after Commencement.
- Metro Service - The Metro opens at 7 a.m. on Sundays. Guests may ride the Metro to the Foggy Bottom–GWU Station and then take the shuttle buses to the ceremony from campus. The Foggy Bottom–GWU Station is located on 23rd and I streets, one block from where the shuttle buses will be departing. See the Metro Map in this booklet for more information.

Parking on Campus

- Friday, May 18, 2007 - Participants of the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, the Elliott School of International Affairs Celebration, and the School of Business Celebration, will receive one parking permit for Friday, May 18. These permits will be honored on a space-available basis.
- Saturday, May 19, 2007 - Graduates from the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, School of Public Health Services, School of Medicine and Health Sciences (Health Sciences graduates), School of Engineering and Applied Science and Columbian College of Arts and Sciences will receive a parking permit valid for parking on Saturday, May 19, 2007. These permits will be honored on a space-available basis.
- Sunday, May 20, 2007 - Each graduate will receive one parking permit for Sunday, May 20, 2007. This permit will be valid for May 20 only, for one space on campus in the University Parking Garage or in the Marvin Center Garage. Campus parking permits are valid on a space-available basis. This permit will also be valid for the
participants of the Law School Celebration and School of Medicine and Health Sciences Celebration (M.D. graduates).

**University Parking Garages**
Due to the large number of guests on campus throughout the weekend, parking on campus will be extremely limited. Your cooperation and patience are appreciated. Please arrive early to allow time for parking. Guests with parking permits will be allowed to park in designated University Garages. If designated University parking facilities are full when you arrive, you will be directed by an attendant to another parking lot.

**Commercial Parking**
Parking is available at commercial garages for a reasonable fee. The nearest garages to the Foggy Bottom Campus are:
- Colonial Parking: Entrance on I Street between 21st and 22nd streets
- Colonial Parking: Entrance on 20th Street between H St. and Pennsylvania Ave.
- Colonial Parking: Entrance on 20th Street between E and F streets

**Weekend Preparation Checklist**

**Caps and Gowns (Regalia)**
Graduates should have pre-ordered their regalia in March; however, graduates who did not do so can still purchase regalia from May 17–20 in the GW Bookstore. Visit www.gwu.bkstr.com or call (202) 994-6870 for more information. Regalia will not be available on the National Mall. Except as noted, graduates may keep their regalia after the ceremony. Caps and gowns are also worn to the School Celebrations, the Phi Beta Kappa Installation, and the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. Please note, graduates of the Law School should have made arrangements for regalia through the Law School. Additionally, SMHS-MD candidates rent their regalia from the GW Bookstore. All other schools and programs should purchase their regalia through the GW Bookstore.

**Regalia Pick-Up at the GW Bookstore**
- Wednesday, May 16 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 18 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 20 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (emergency pick-up only)

Graduates attending School Celebrations on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, are strongly encouraged to pick up their regalia no later than Wednesday, May 16. Faculty participating in School Celebrations or in the Commencement academic processions may rent their regalia from the GW Bookstore.

**Graduation Announcements**
Graduates were provided with graduation announcements when they picked up their tickets for Commencement. Additional graduation announcements, as well as personalized announcements, are available for purchase through the GW Bookstore.

**Diplomas**
Diplomas are awarded under the official name of record at the time of graduation, except for doctoral degree candidates, who have the option of picking up their diplomas the weekend of Commencement, diplomas will be mailed to the diploma addresses or permanent addresses indicated on the graduates’ files. If your diploma is mailed to the address of record and is returned or lost, there will be additional fees of $25.00 to re-send and $50.00 to replace your diploma. Diplomas are scheduled to arrive 8 to 12 weeks after conferral. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the Registrar’s Graduation Services Office at (202) 242-6843.

**Graduation Packets and Tickets for University Commencement**
Each graduate is given six (6) guest tickets for the University Commencement on the National Mall. All six (6) tickets will be valid for the outdoor ceremony. Four (4) of these tickets will also be valid for the alternate site. Alternate site plans will be distributed at school celebrations and will be available for download at www.commencement.gwu.edu. Tickets for the University Commencement are found in the graduation packet. If graduates are unsure of how to claim their packet, they should call (202) 994-7129 or visit www.commencement.gwu.edu. Graduates should claim their
tickets no later than Monday, April 30, 2007. Graduation packets may still be available, but are not guaranteed after May 1, 2007. Students who graduated Summer or Fall of 2006 were mailed packets to their diploma address, provided they indicated they would be attending the May 20, 2007, ceremony. Students looking for extra tickets for University Commencement on the National Mall should call the Office of University Events at (202) 994-7129.

School Celebration Tickets
Each school will handle ticket distribution for its own School Celebration. Please contact the graduate’s school regarding Celebration tickets. The schools and their numbers are listed below.

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<td>(202) 994-6110 non-emergency (202) 994-6111 emergency</td>
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Walking Directions for Metro Stations Closest to the National Mall

Smithsonian Metro Station (Orange & Blue Line)
Depart station through the exit labeled Smithsonian National Mall. Walk straight ahead along the path towards the Capitol building (distance to seating is equivalent to six city blocks). Enter Commencement seating area.

L'Enfant Plaza Metro Station (Orange & Blue/Yellow & Green Lines)
Depart station through the exit labeled 7th and Maryland Avenue. At street level turn left and walk towards 7th Street. Turn right and walk two blocks to 7th and Jefferson Drive. Enter Commencement seating area.

Archives/ Navy Memorial Metro Station (Yellow & Green Line)
Exit the station (there is only one exit) and turn left. Walk half a block to Pennsylvania Avenue and 7th Street. Turn right onto 7th Street and walk two blocks to the intersection of 7th Street and Madison Drive. Enter Commencement seating area.
Graduate Line-ups and Seating

Look for the banner with the color configuration corresponding to your school at the side of the seating area when you arrive at the National Mall by 9am on Sunday, May 20. Your school will assemble and march to its seating area.

Each school will have its own banner. All banners will have one yellow and two dark blue center stripes, with your school’s colors on the outside.

Guest Seating

Guest seating is available to ticket holders on a general admission basis. Wheelchair accessible seating is reserved for anyone with severe mobility problems and anyone in a wheelchair. One guest from his or her party may join him or her in this section. Ushers will be available to assist with seating. All guests should be seated by 9:30am. At this time, the aisles need to be clear to allow graduates to process in a safe, orderly, and timely manner.

School Abbreviations and Banner Colors

CCAS WHITE Bachelor’s Degree Students
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
CCAS GOLD Doctoral and Master’s Degree Students
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
GSEHD LIGHT BLUE Graduate School of Education and Human Development
SEAS ORANGE School of Engineering and Applied Science
SMHS GREEN School of Medicine and Health Sciences
SB ROYAL BLUE School of Business
ESIA RED Elliott School of International Affairs
SPHHS SALMON School of Public Health and Health Services
LAW PURPLE Law School
CPS TAUPE College of Professional Studies
VERIZON CENTER ALTERNATE SITE PLAN

IF IMPLEMENTED, 11 am ceremony. Doors open at 9 am.

Please call 202-994-5050 for information!

Verizon Center • 601 F Street, NW • Accessible on the Red/Green/Yellow Metro lines at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop

Metro Hours:
Open-5:30am Weekdays
7:00am Weekends
Closes-midnight
3:00am Friday & Saturday
Commencement will be held on the National Mall rain or shine. Please dress accordingly and remember that we will be outside where the ground may be damp and uneven. Umbrellas may be useful as protection from the sun as well as the rain!

The National Mall is a public space under the jurisdiction of the United States Park Service. While we are grateful for the use of the National Mall, degree candidates and guests are reminded that use of the space is not under the exclusive control of the University.

The University has a comprehensive alternate site plan in place for Commencement on the National Mall should extraordinary circumstances dictate changes. The following information is provided for your convenience.

• Current information on the status of Commencement Weekend events will be available on a 24-hour basis from Monday, May 14, through Sunday, May 20, at (202) 994-5050. This recorded information will be updated immediately in the event of changes to the weekend schedule and/or Sunday ceremony. In addition, should it be necessary to move from the National Mall to the alternate site or make any other late changes to the ceremony, public service announcements regarding start time and other details will be carried by radio stations WTOP at FM 103.5 and WMAL at AM 630. Information updates will also be available at www.commencement.gwu.edu and at (202) 994-5050.

• The alternate site for the Sunday Commencement is the Verizon Center, located at 601 F Street, NW (on the Red, Yellow and Green Metro lines at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop). The **ceremony will begin at 11 am. Doors open at 9 am**. The Verizon Center is an air-conditioned space large enough to accommodate all of our guests holding alternate site tickets. These tickets are light yellow in color and have alternate site information printed on the back. All graduates, faculty, staff, platform party participants, and guests with light yellow tickets should proceed to the Verizon Center as directed.

• Guests have several travel options when moving to the alternate site:
  • Guests may take the shuttle bus. There will be shuttle bus service between the Foggy Bottom Campus, the Verizon Center, and the National Mall as needed for the safety, comfort, and convenience of our graduates and their guests.
  • Guests may take the Metro from the Foggy Bottom Station on campus or the Metro Stations near the National Mall. See reverse side for map. Metro can be taken to the Verizon Center, which is located on the Red, Yellow and Green lines at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop. All Metro stations are wheelchair accessible.
  • Guests may take a cab directly to the Verizon Center. Cabs are normally available on public streets around the National Mall and on Pennsylvania Avenue near campus.

Guests who do not possess a yellow ticket that is valid for the Verizon Center/Alternate site can watch a live video of University Commencement at the Charles E. Smith Athletic Center (600 22nd Street, N.W.) or on GWTV, Channel 11 (available only on campus).