



WINGATE UNIVERSITY

*Commencement* INFORMATION

SPRING 2020



# Information for Family & Guests

## CEREMONY INFORMATION

The graduate commencement and hooding ceremony will take place in the Academic Quad on **Friday, May 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

The undergraduate commencement ceremony will take place in the Academic Quad on **Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 9 a.m.**

## TICKETS & SEATING

**Please arrive early.**

*Tickets are not required.* Seating is first-come, first-serve. Reserved seating for faculty, administrators, trustees, and graduating students are marked with ribbons. We do not designate an area for special needs guests because all seating in the Academic Quadrangle is accessible. The commencement ceremony seats are folding chairs, which can be easily moved to make room for a wheelchair, walker or stroller.

Shade is limited, so plan to arrive early to obtain seats in the shaded areas. A live feed is available in Austin Auditorium for overflow guests who prefer to sit indoors. A link to the live feed will also be available at [https://youtu.be/JZHJa7\\_4Dc4](https://youtu.be/JZHJa7_4Dc4)

If the ceremony is moved to Cuddy Arena because of inclement weather, seating will be limited and tickets are required. Information on how tickets can be obtained will be emailed to graduates via their Wingate email addresses. Special needs guests with tickets will be seated in this section on a first come, first-serve basis.

## PARKING

Parking for commencement is available in all campus parking lots. 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 those with handicap parking permits, enter the campus by taking a left onto North Main Street. Turn right onto Cedar Street. Turn left into the faculty parking lot. This lot is accessible to the Academic Quad. If you require additional assistance, please tell the parking lot attendant.

## RESTROOMS

Restrooms will be available in Austin Auditorium, Burris, Hayes, Bridges and Smith Science buildings.

## 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 ordering 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](http://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](https://youtu.be/JZHJa7_4Dc4)





## INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

**If there is heavy rain or thunderstorms, the ceremony will take place in Cuddy Arena in the Cannon Complex.** Graduates will be notified by email if there is a rain delay or shift in location; or you may check the university website under the calendar link for commencement.







# 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](http://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 two spring Commencement ceremonies—one for Graduate level candidates on Friday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. on the Academic Quadrangle and the second for Undergraduate candidates on Saturday, May 9th at 9 a.m. also on the Academic Quadrangle. Degree candidates for both ceremonies will line up on Church St. between the Ethel K. Smith Library and Wingate Baptist Church 45 minutes before the ceremony start time—5:45 p.m. for Graduate candidates and 8:15 a.m. for Undergraduate candidates, respectively.

**How do I purchase a cap and gown?**

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

[colleges.herffjones.com/college/wingate](http://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 Wingate University regalia as shown on page 12 and 13. Questions regarding regalia should be emailed to [Commencement@wingate.edu](mailto:Commencement@wingate.edu). Candidates are highly encouraged to use Herff Jones exclusively, as their website has correct information on approved WU 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?**  
Please review regalia specifications found on page 12. Caps and gowns are required. Stoles and fraternity cords are permitted. Honor cords are distributed prior to 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. Women should exercise caution if wearing heels; not all walking will occur on pavement.

**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.

**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. [colleges.herffjones.com/college/wingate](http://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. If you are an August graduate, your diploma will be sent by certified mail the week following the August conferral date. **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 in the BLS program).

**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 at 5 p.m.

If you have more questions, we will do our best to get you the answers you need. Please contact us at [commencement@wingate.edu](mailto:commencement@wingate.edu).

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

# Academic Regalia

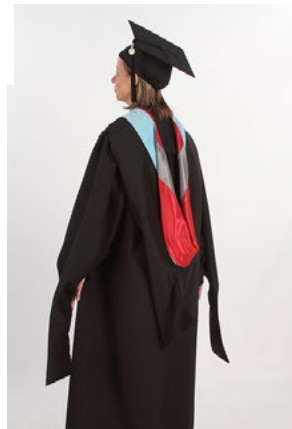
## Bachelors Regalia



- 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



# Schedule of Events



Graduates  
Only



Graduates &  
Families

## FRIDAY, MAY 8 2020

9:30 a.m. **Farewell Celebration** Batte Center Lawn

*Free, registration required*  
*Attire: Business*



The chaos that surrounds Commencement often gets in the way of expressing gratitude to everyone who has played an important role in your time at Wingate. The Office of Alumni Relations invites you to join us for a Farewell Celebration, open to our entire campus community, that will give you the opportunity to connect with those who have made your experience at Wingate special. Join us for refreshments, celebration, and giving thanks before Baccalaureate.

11 a.m. **Baccalaureate** McGee Theatre

*Free, no registration required*  
*Attire: Business*



Baccalaureate is a centuries-old tradition of reflection, contemplation and worship that is traditionally held the day before commencement ceremonies. Graduates may honor those individuals-- students, faculty, and staff-- who have contributed to their journey of faith during their years at Wingate.

4:30 p.m. **Senior Salute** LaVerne Banquet Hall

*Free, registration required*  
*Attire: Business*



Athletic Department celebration and recognition of graduating senior athletes.

6:30 p.m. **Graduate Commencement Ceremony** Academic Quad

*Attire: Cap and gown*

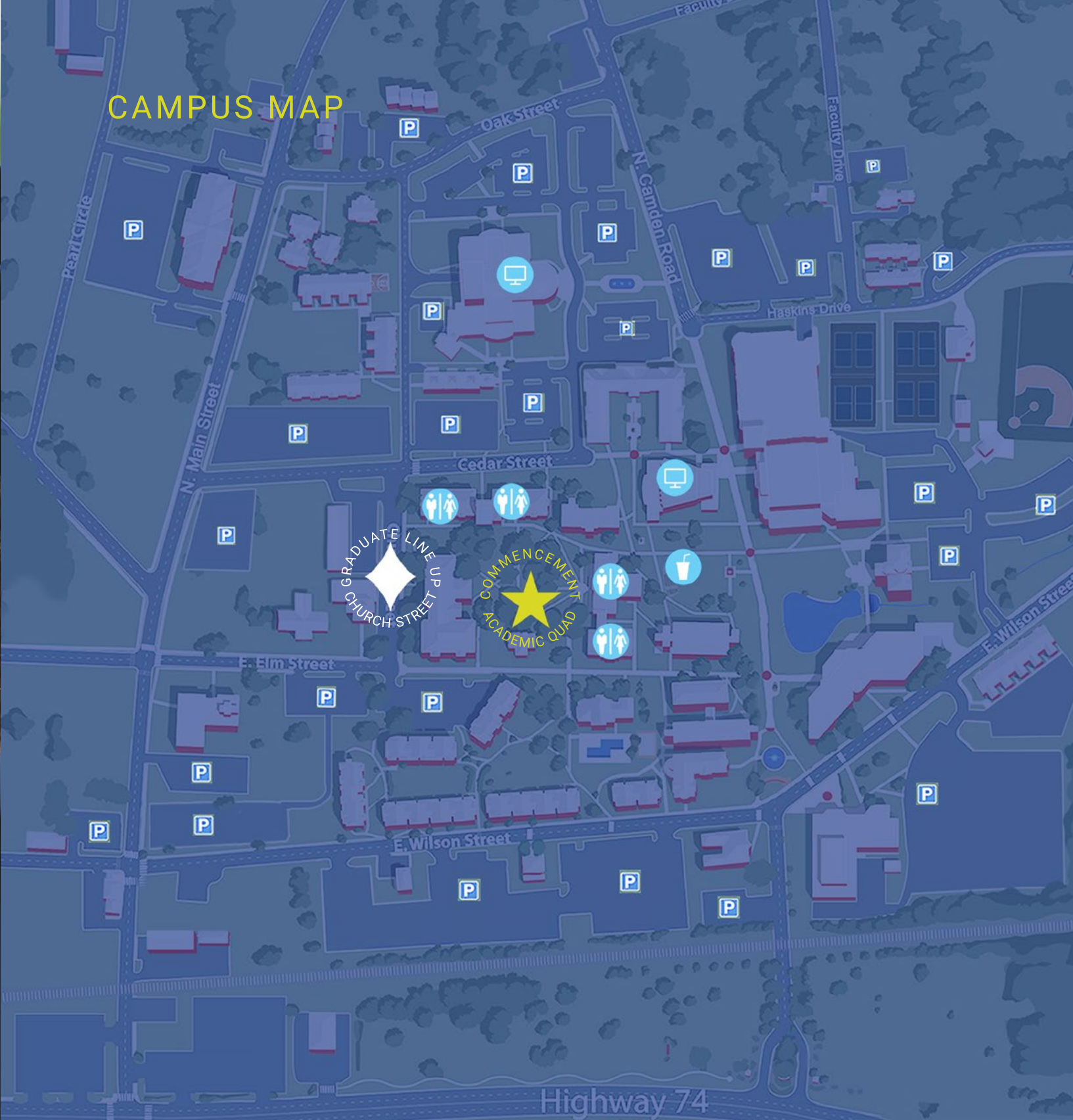



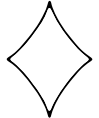



## SATURDAY, MAY 9 2020

9 a.m. **Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony** Academic Quad  
Lineup at 8:15 a.m. *Attire: Cap and gown*







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|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
|  | Commencement Location |  | Graduate Line Up Location |
|  | Restrooms             |  | Refreshments              |
|   |                       |  | Live Stream Location      |



# 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





