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Spring 2018 Commencement

Thursday, May 17, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.

The Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University

Commencement Guide Information Overview

PETITION DEADLINE – MARCH 30, 2018*

**To guarantee name printed in program*

How do I determine my eligibility?

Step 1. Go to Tri-c.edu/DegreeWorks and run your audit.

Step 2. Schedule an appointment with counseling, call 216-987-6000, option #4.

For all commencement information visit www.Tri-C.edu/commencement

The ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Students are to arrive in academic regalia **no later than 4:30 p.m.** to the robing location. Only graduates are permitted in this area. Please do not bring personal belongings (e.g. purses, coats) to the robing areas as these areas are not secured. You may not march with your personal belongings. The ceremony will last approximately two hours.

Academic Regalia

Academic Regalia must be worn to walk in the Commencement Ceremony. Caps, gowns, tassels and announcements are purchased at the Barnes & Noble bookstores on campus. Refer to the commencement web site for pricing. All sales are final. If you have any questions, please contact your campus bookstore:

- Metropolitan Campus 216-987-4550
- Western Campus 216-987-5550
- Westshore Campus 216-987-3908
- Eastern Campus 216-987-2070

Appropriate dress is required under your gown and does not include jeans, shorts, T-shirts or athletic shoes.

Honors Cords, for those students who have maintained a 3.50 cumulative GPA or better by the end of Fall Semester 2017, maybe picked up at Student Life beginning Monday, April 23, 2018.

Phi Theta Kappa stoles may be purchased through PTK at <https://www.ptk.org/store.aspx>

Guests

Admission to the ceremony does not require a ticket; however seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors to the Wolstein Center open at 4:45 pm and guests may enter through any gate entrance. If special accommodations are needed, please come to the information table located at Gate A for assistance.

Robing and Lineup Location

Fourth Floor, West Wing Room (enter via Gate A)

- Associate of Arts

Sub-concourse level (enter via Medical Mutual of Ohio Gate D)

- Associate of Applied Business
- Associate of Technical Studies
- Certificate Awards

Auxiliary Gym (enter via Gate A Entrance)

- Associate of Science
- Associate of Applied Science

The Ceremony

The academic procession starts in the sub-concourse area of the Wolstein Center and will proceed into the arena. When you reach your seat on the arena floor, please remain standing. Please turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices before the ceremony.

Students will be recognized by name and academic honor as they walk across the stage. Students are asked to return to their seats after the conferring of degrees, and remain for the remainder of the ceremony.

Diploma/certificate covers will be presented to you during the recessional.

Diplomas

Graduates can expect to receive their diplomas within two months of the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to the address on file with the College Registrar's Office.

Photographs

A professional photograph is taken of each candidate as he/she proceeds across the stage. Approximately seven days after the ceremony, each candidate will receive a proof of the picture taken along with ordering information. For more information about the photographs, please refer to the commencement web site: <http://www.gradimages.com/>.

Special Assistance

If you need special assistance for the processional, walking on stage, and/or seating accommodations in the graduates' seating section, please contact the Westshore Campus Student Affairs at 216-987-5926.

Service animals are the only animals permitted in the building. A service animal is one trained to provide assistance to a person with a disability.

Sign interpreters will be present at the event. If you need an interpreter to assist you, please call 216-987-5926.

Televised and Streaming Ceremony

The Commencement ceremony will be broadcast live certain cable channels as well as streamed live on the College website. Please refer to the Commencement web site for detailed information.

Parking

Parking for graduates is available in the following Cleveland State University lot:

- Central Garage (CG on the CSU map, located on the corner of Chester Avenue and East 21st Street
- Main Garage (MG on the CSU map), located along E. 22nd Street with both the entrance and exit on the east side of E. 22nd Street

See campus map:

<http://www.csuohio.edu/aboutcsu/campusmap.pdf>.

One complimentary parking pass with a map will be available for each participant at campus, Student Life beginning Monday, April 23, 2018. Give this pass to the attendant when you enter the parking lot.

Note: Cars without the Tri-C complimentary parking pass will pay the standard rates.

Public parking is available to guests at their own expense in the general CSU area.

All information is subject to change. We recommend checking the commencement website (www.tri-c.edu/commencement) periodically for the most current information.