

SPRING 2019 COMMENCEMENT

Instructions for Candidates

When and Where to Report: All candidates will report to Kennamer Hall one hour prior to the ceremony in complete regalia.

What to do Upon Arrival: Undergraduate candidates will check-in at their appropriate school's table. Graduate level candidates will check-in at the Graduate Studies' table. Name cards will be distributed at the check-in table, as well as, gold honor cords for spring undergraduate candidates who qualify for Latin honors after final Spring 2019 grades are posted. The name card will be scanned prior to the candidate crossing the stage. This will allow for the candidate's name and degree name to be displayed on the screen as they cross the stage. It is the candidate's responsibility to keep up with the name card, as well as, not to damage the card.

Processional: 30 minutes prior to the ceremony, Graduation Assistants will start assembling each school's candidates into separate lines. Approximately 25 minutes prior to the ceremony, School marshals will lead candidates by school from Kennamer Hall to their seats which will be located on Burgess Snow Field at JSU Stadium. All candidates will remain in single file lines until seated. It is important to make all last-minute preparations prior to the lineup. Candidates with concerns regarding accessibility or who need any accommodations may contact Disability Support Services at 256-782-8380 (voice or TTY) or dss@jsu.edu.

Crossing the Stage: School marshals will direct candidates to the stage at the appropriate time. All candidates should bring their name card to the stage with them. After crossing the stage, all candidates must return to their seats.

Photographs: Photographs will be taken by a professional, university approved photographer as candidates shake the hand of the President and after candidates exit the stage.

Recessional: Platform members will exit first in the recessional, followed by faculty, and then graduates. School marshals will release students by rows to exit the field. Prior to the ceremony, be sure to establish a location to meet with your family and guests following the ceremony.

Duration: The ceremony is expected to last approximately 2 hours. Out of respect for all degree candidates, once seated, all participants are expected to stay until the conclusion of the ceremony.

Apparel: It is recommended that candidates wear apparel appropriate for the occasion. Comfortable shoes are recommended due to the length of the procession and the soft terrain of the Burgess Snow Field.

Personal Belongings: Kennamer Hall is not a secure area to leave belongings. Please plan to leave personal belongings with family members or guests. The university is not responsible for any unattended personal items.

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETE

PRESIDENT BEEHLER'S BE'S

- ▶ **BE PROUD** *of where you are today.*
Graduation is a big accomplishment and key life event. It is a traditional academic ceremony as well as a celebration. Honor the ceremony while celebrating.
- ▶ **BE RESPECTFUL** *of fellow graduates.*
Each graduate should be able to enjoy his/her recognition on stage without another's actions distracting the crowd away from them.
- ▶ **BE SAFE** *on the stairs and stage.*
The stage is not strong enough for dancing, jumping or acrobatics etc. It could cave in and the entire ceremony would be ruined.
- ▶ **BE ON TIME** *for the ceremony.*
Six schools will be participating. Make sure you show up on time to prevent delays.
- ▶ **BE EXCITED** *about your future.*
You are now armed with a JSU degree that prepares you for a successful professional career and many life opportunities.
- ▶ **BE A GAMECOCK** *proudly waving the JSU flag throughout your life.*
Your success is our success!

PARKING

Designated areas have been assigned as reserved parking. For you and your guests' convenience, shuttle services will be provided at designated areas starting 2 hours prior to the ceremony and ending 1 hour after the ceremony. Golf cart assistance will be provided for the areas designated for accessible parking. Guests requiring mobile devices may be dropped off at the stadium entrance. Please share this information with your guests prior to the ceremony.

Shuttle Services:

Starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending one hour after the ceremony.

Locations:

University Circle – guests will need to walk to University Circle to use service.
Houston Cole Library
Pete Mathews Coliseum

COMMENCEMENT PARKING MAP



Map Key:

- Blue– Accessible Parking
- Green – Guest Parking (GP)
- Red – Faculty Parking (FP)
- Yellow Star – Stadium Entrance