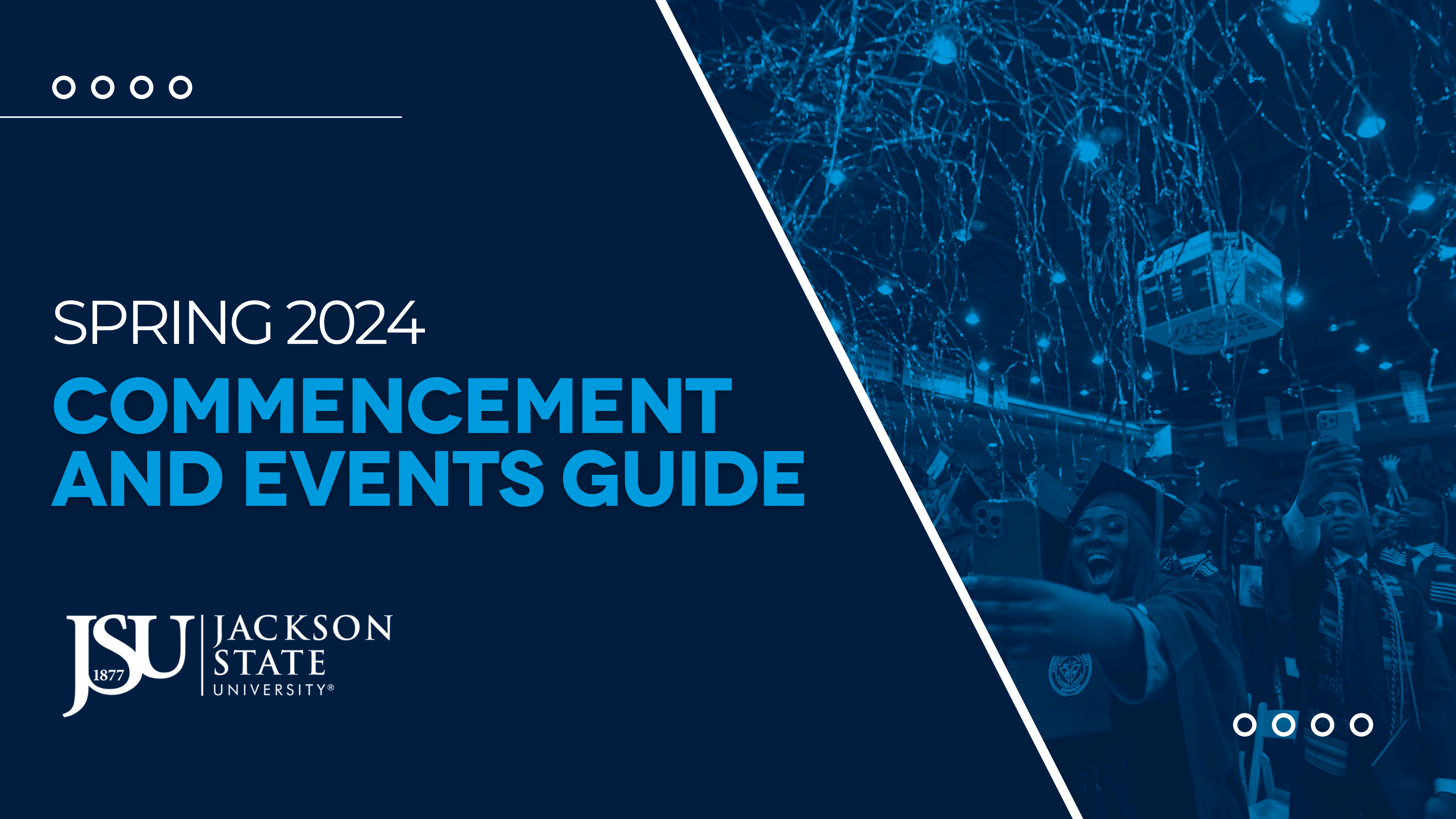




SPRING 2024 **COMMENCEMENT AND EVENTS GUIDE**



NOTE TO THE SPRING 2024 GRADUATING STUDENTS

Dear Graduating Students

Congratulations graduating students who are participating in the Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremony! This Letter is to provide you with the important details pertaining to Rehearsal and Program dates, as well as your expected duties and responsibilities of those students that are acting as Student Marshals for the ceremony. Please try to make the recommended rehearsal as well as pay close attention to the suggested arrival times for both days.

Rehearsal and Ceremony Dates and Times

- The Rehearsal for the Graduate Ceremony is Thursday May 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center. (Please arrive at 8:45 a.m.)
- The Graduate Commencement Ceremony is Friday May 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., in the Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center. (Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.)
- The Rehearsal for the Undergraduate Ceremony is Thursday May 2, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center. (Please arrive at 10:45 a.m.)
- The Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony is Saturday May 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center. (Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.)

Duties and Responsibilities

Student Marshals: All Student Marshals are charged with lining up your fellow students in your College and assisting with passing out their Name Cards. You will lead them into the Arena, and ensure that they are all seated.

Full Academic Regalia

***General Information that is recommended but NOT required:** While there is no mandatory dress-code, we recommend business attire. Please be sure to dress comfortably since you will be moving throughout the ceremony (both sitting and standing). Please refrain from bringing large bags or computers as the "clear bag" policy is strongly enforced during both ceremonies. Remember to bring all of your regalia (cap, gown, tassel, cords, stole and hood for graduate students).

Sincerely,

Dion F. Porter

Dr. Dion F. Porter,
Commencement Chair

MAY 1-2 COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

HONORS CONVOCATION

Wednesday May 1, 2024

4:00 P.M.

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:00 A.M. (Please arrive at 8:45)

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Thursday, May 2, 2024

11:00 A.M. (Please arrive at 10:45)

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

ATHLETIC STOLE CEREMONY

Thursday, May 2, 2024

1:00 P.M.

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)



MAY 2-4 COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY

Thursday, May 2, 2024

4:00 P.M.

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

Reception will be in the CSET Building immediately following the program.

(Attire: Full Regalia)

GRADUATE AND GOLDEN CLASS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 3, 2024

9:00 A.M. (Please arrive at 7:30)

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

Doors Open at 7:30 A.M..

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00 A.M. (Please arrive at 7:30 A.M.)

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

Doors Open at 7:30 A.M.



PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION

Students who desire to participate in the commencement ceremony must complete all of their program degree requirements and must be cleared by their Department, College, and the Registrar's Office.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All fees and other financial obligations to the University must be paid in full in order for the diploma to be received. Please contact the Bursar's office at (601) 979-2216 if you have any questions about this requirement.

DEGREES AND CLEARANCE

The name printed on the diploma is the name of record on your Application for Graduation, which was submitted to your Academic Advisor for clearance.

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STUDENT RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR AND RECORDS: (866.843.3578)

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES: (866.843.3578)

GRADUATE STUDIES: 601.979.2455

THE JSU BOOKSTORE: (601) 979-2021

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic Regalia can be ordered by visiting the commencement website:

www.jsu.edu/jsucommencement

- Costume or ornamentation shall not be worn on the regalia.
- The most common headpiece for the ceremony is the black square, flat-topped or mortarboard, which is shaped like a board of the mason and holds the mortar.
- The tassel on the doctors' cap is usually gold in color and is worn on the left. The tassel on the masters' cap is usually black and is also worn on the left. The tassel on the bachelor's cap, usually black is worn on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left when instructed by the President.
- The hood, which is mentioned as early as 1480 in clerical literature, was originally used as a head covering, a shoulder cape, and a bag in which alms could be collected.
- The gown is usually black. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's but has regular length sleeves which are pointed. Some gowns may be the color of the department granting the degree, such as "Education Blue." Others may be "Yale Blue" or "Harvard Crimson" for graduates of these universities.

HONORS DISTINCTION

Academic Honors

Graduation with academic distinction is based on an earned average of 3.20 or higher on a 4.00 scale for work completed at Jackson State University for all undergraduate degrees. Students who graduate within this grade point range are honored with the following:

- Summa Cum Laude: 3.80-4.00
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.50- 3.79
- Cum Laude: 3.20-3.49

Graduates with academic distinction wear gold honor cords during the commencement exercises.



RECOMMENDED CEREMONY ATTIRE

FULL ACADEMIC REGALIA

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Wear brown or black shoes, white shirt, dark colored bottoms
- All candidates are encouraged to wear shoes that are comfortable for walking/ standing for extended periods of time.
- Dress length should not exceed length of your regalia.

(CEREMONY ATTIRE IS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT MANDATORY)

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE



SILENCE ALL CELL PHONE DEVICES



HOLD ALL APPLAUSE UNTIL PROMPTED



NO AIRHORNS OR NOISEMAKERS ALLOWED



PLEASE TAKE ALL PICTURES WITH YOUR GRADUATE AFTER THE CEREMONY



PLEASE AVOID WALKING DURING THE CEREMONY & PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE END OF THE PROGRAM AND FACULTY HAVE RECESSED.





FAMILY INFORMATION AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Accessible Seating for Candidates

If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 601.979.3704 or email adaservices@jsums.edu at least a week prior to graduation.

Parking Maps

Graduates and visitors should use the following commencement parking maps to learn more about commencement routes and parking lots available.

<https://www.jsums.edu/jsucommencement/files/2023/04/AAC-commencement-parking.pdf>

Public Safety Guidelines

Clear bag policy will be enforced. Balloons and Signs are permitted, but cannot block the view of other guests. No Umbrellas and No Airhorns. Participants and guests have the option to wear a mask while inside university facilities for personal safety.

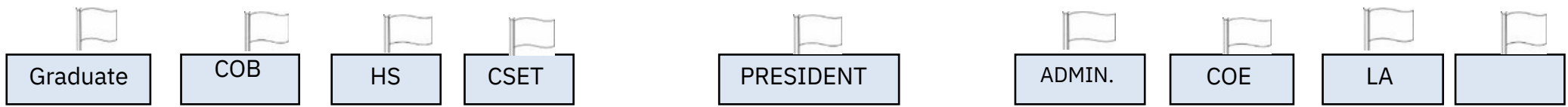


CEREMONY SCHEMATICS

THE LEE E. WILLIAMS ATHLETIC AND ASSEMBLY CENTER (AAC)

-Northwest

Northeast



College of Business (18)
College of Health Sciences (60)

Platform Party Interpreters
Announcer(s)
President
Guest Speaker
Administration

THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES WILL LINE UP IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER

Graduates
Doctoral and Specialist
• Ph.D., Dr. P.H., Ed.D. Candidates (31),
• Ed.S. Candidates (52)

Platform Exit

Platform Entrance

Concert Chorale

Photographer

Organist*

President's Guest

Section A (219)
Golden Diploma Recipients (115)
Master Candidates

- Col. of Business (18)
- Col. of Health Sciences (60)
- Col. Of Liberal Arts (26)

Section B (197)

Doctorate-30
Specialists-52
Master Candidates

- Col. of Education (96)
- CSET (19)

Faculty Seating Area

- College of Education
- College of Liberal Arts
- School of Public Health
- College of Business
- College of Health Sciences
- College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Administration Seating Area

- Administration

Faculty Line-up

College of Liberal Arts (26)

STANDARD BEARERS

- Administration
- Division of Graduate Studies
- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Health Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts
- CSET

Mace Bearer
Chief Marshal
Assistant Marshals

Student Marshals & Graduates

Master's Candidates
• College of Educ. & Human Dev. (96)
• CSET (19)



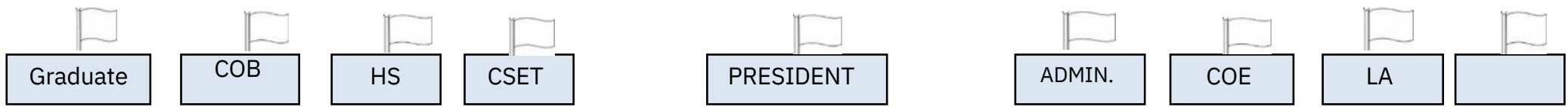
2024 Spring Graduate Commencement Lee E. Williams Athletics & Assembly Center

-Southwest-

-Southeast

-Northwest

Northeast



College of Business (77)
College of Health Sciences (75)

Platform Party
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College of Education (122)

Platform Exit

Platform Entrance

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Section A (287)

- Col. of Business (77)
- Col. of Health Sciences (75)
- Col. Of Liberal Arts (135)

Section B (239)

- Col. of Education (122)
- CSET (117)

Faculty Seating Area

- College of Education
- College of Liberal Arts
- School of Public Health
- College of Business
- College of Health Sciences
- College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Faculty Line-up

College of Liberal Arts (135)

STANDARD BEARERS
Administration
College of Business
College of Education
College of Health Sciences
College of Liberal Arts
CSET

Mace Bearer
Chief Marshal
Assistant Marshals

Administration

Student Marshals & Graduates
Master's Candidates

- CSET (117)



2024 Spring Undergraduate Commencement
Lee E. Williams Athletics & Assembly Center

-Southwest-

-Southeast

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