



WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY 2022 COMMENCEMENT

MAY 19, 2022 | 7:00 P.M. | WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTER

Day-of-Ceremony Important Notes

- Please calculate travel time at rush hour to be at the WP Sports and Recreation Center in Lot 6 by 6:15 p.m. for line up. The procession will begin promptly at 6:40 p.m. Graduates will line up behind the Sports and Recreation Center on the Soccer Field – covered tents are marked.
- Bring your **GRADPASS - NAME CARD** with you to the ceremony. It is required for entry into the venue. You must present it at the stage to be scanned to have your name announced.
- Remember to bring your regalia—cap and tassel, gown, and hood. **Please do not leave personal items in the lineup areas of the Soccer Field.** We strongly recommend leaving them in your vehicles.
- Arena doors will open for guests at 6:00 p.m. Every guest must have a ticket to enter the Sports and Recreation center. If any of your guests require additional assistance or special seating, we strongly recommend that they arrive by 5:45 p.m. **Balloons are not permitted inside the arena. You will be asked to return them to your vehicle.**
- Although masks are not required, we encourage graduates and guests to consider wearing them since this is a large-scale indoor event.
- Graduates will process into the arena in two lines walking through faculty on both sides of the arena floor prior to entering the rows. Volunteers will support you through this process and every seat **MUST** be filled. When it is time to proceed to the stage to be recognized, volunteers will lead you to the stage. **Please have your GRADPASS – NAME CARD out and ready for scanning.** Photos will be taken at various points while you proceed to and from stage.
- As a reminder, decorum at the ceremony and respect for your fellow graduates is important. Your degree is not conferred by the President until after all students have been recognized on stage. You are expected to remain in the venue until the end of the ceremony. The Platform Party will be the first to enter the recessional, followed by the faculty and then the graduates. WP items will be provided upon exiting the arena as part of the recessional.
- The ceremony should conclude by 9:00 p.m. It will be live-streamed on the University's homepage at www.wpunj.edu.
- A campus map can be found [here](#).