

## Seniors' Guidelines

### Preparing for Commencement

When preparing for Commencement (Females)

1. It is preferred that female students wear a dark dress or dark top to create a dark background to the front V-cut in the graduation robe
2. It is preferred that female students wear 1- to 2-inch heels in a dark color, preferably black shoes

To Avoid when preparing for Commencement (Females)

1. Female students will not wear colorful tops or colorful dresses, especially if revealed by the front V-cut in the graduation robe
  2. It is preferred that female students not wear colorful shoes (only black or dark brown, and preferably black shoes)
  3. It is preferred that female students not wear platform shoes, spike heels, or a shoe which is over 2 inches (for her safety)
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When preparing for Commencement (Males)

1. Male students will wear dark pants (preferably black pants)
2. Male students will wear a white shirt with **DARK** tie being wide enough to fill in the front V-cut in the graduation robe
3. Male students will wear dark shoes (brown or black, preferably black)

To Avoid when preparing for Commencement (Males)

1. Male students will not wear bold colors or even subtle colors in shirts or suits
  2. Male students will not wear jeans
  3. Male students will not wear sneakers
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#### CORDS

Commencement: Students should wear academic cords only

## Reminders to Family and Friends Attending Commencement

- Special seating areas will be designated for the hearing impaired and other disabled persons. Please contact ushers for special seating.
- Please be seated during all of the Service. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONGREGATE IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM OR IN THE AISLES.** Do not crowd the aisles to take pictures. *Security will assist ushers to enforce this policy.*
- Please turn off all electronic devices, entertainment and cell phones.
- The College has hired an "official photographer" who will provide photos for your purchase if you desire. A photo area will be designated for persons taking pictures. Please contact ushers for designated area. We ask that you do not come to the stage to take pictures. Security will exercise the right to rope off the area.
- When students are called to the stage to receive their degrees, we ask that you do not yell, whistle, holler, beat the seats, blow horns, scream out the name of students, etc.
- When the name of your graduate is called, family and friends are asked to applaud quickly so that the name of the next graduate might be heard by the audience (or just stand quietly in support). Please extend this courtesy.