



FALL 2024

# COMMENCEMENT AND EVENTS GUIDE



# NOTE TO THE FALL 2024 GRADUATING STUDENTS

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## Dear Graduating Students:

Congratulations graduating students who are participating in the Fall 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 Undergraduate Ceremony is Thursday December 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center. (Please arrive at 8:45 a.m.)
- The Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony is Friday December 6, 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 Graduate Ceremony is Thursday December 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center. (Please arrive at 10:45 a.m.)
- The Graduate Commencement Ceremony is Friday December 6, 2024 at 2:00 a.m., at the Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center. (Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.)

**Student Marshals:** All Student Marshals have the important responsibility of 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 walk in an orderly fashion. As well as ensuring they are seated in alphabetical order.

## 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).

# COMMENCEMENT REHEARSALS

## UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Thursday, December 5, 2024

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

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

## GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Thursday, December 5, 2024

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

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY TIMELINES

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## UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, December 6, 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.

## GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday December 6, 2024

2:00 P.M. (Please arrive at 12:30 P.M.)

Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center (AAC)

Doors Open at 12:30 P.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.

## NAME ON DIPLOMA

The name printed on the diploma is the name of record that was entered on your Application for Graduation.

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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 CAMPUS STORE: (601) 979-2021

[WWW.JSUMS.EDU](http://WWW.JSUMS.EDU)

# 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:

1. All candidates should wear full academic regalia.
2. All candidates are encouraged to wear shoes that are comfortable for walking/ standing for extended periods of time.
3. Dress length should not exceed length of your regalia.
4. Tassels for doctoral, specialist, and master candidates should be worn on the left. Tassels for bachelor candidates should be worn on the right.

(CEREMONY ATTIRE IS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT MANDATORY)



# CEREMONY ETIQUETTE



SILENCE ALL CELL PHONE DEVICES



HOLD ALL APPLAUSE UNTIL PROMPTED



NO AIRHORNS OR NOISEMAKERS ALLOWED



GUESTS ARE ASKED TO TAKE ALL PICTURES FROM THEIR SEATS. GUESTS SHOULD NOT COME ON THE COMMENCEMENT FLOOR OR APPROACH THE STAGE TO TAKE PICTURES.



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



# 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](mailto: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>

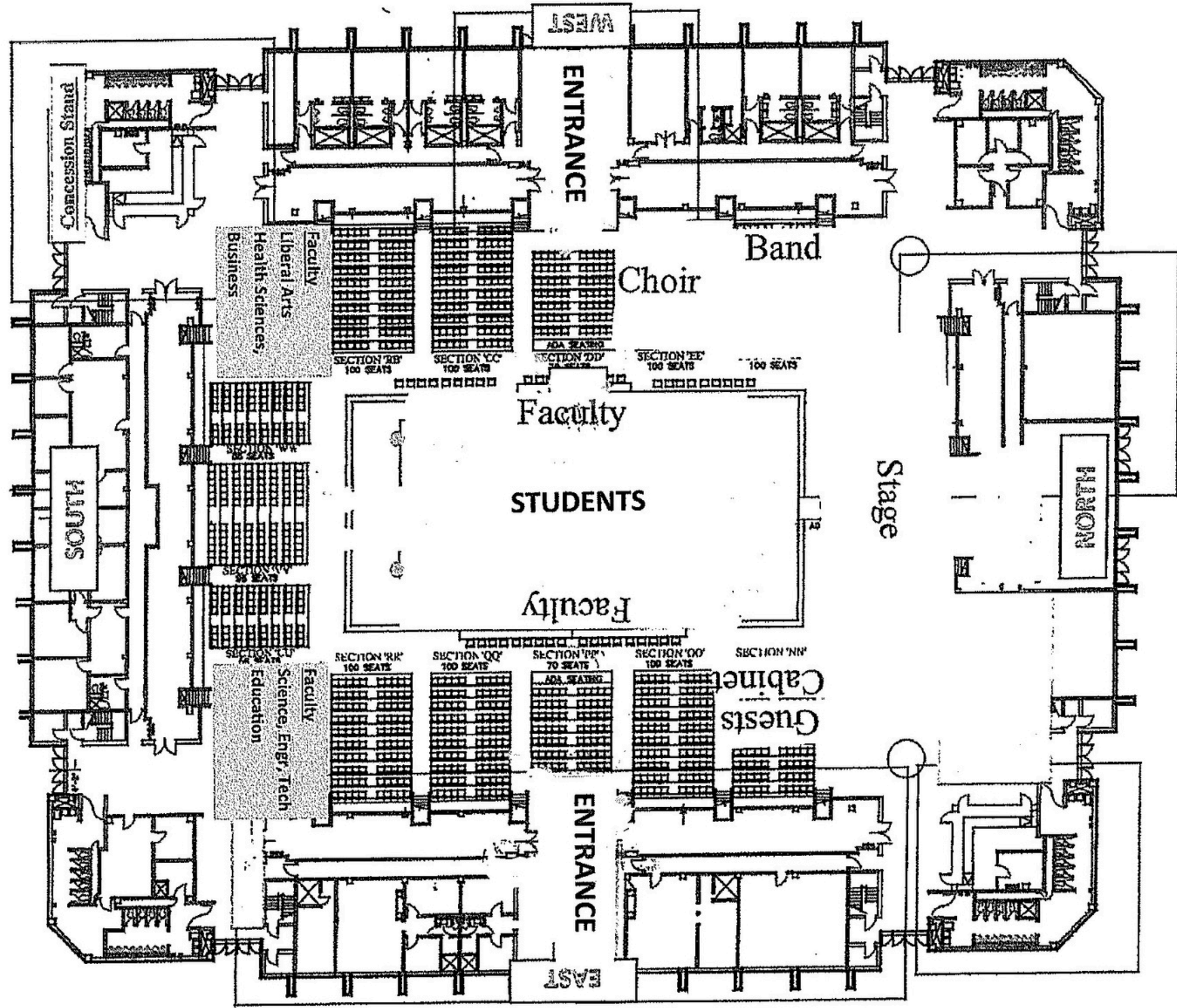
## Public Safety Guidelines

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.



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