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## Fall 2022 Commencement Guest Information

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- Guests must have valid tickets to enter the Bologna Performing Arts Center (BPAC).
- Guests who do not have a valid ticket can view the graduation via the livestream. The Commencement live stream can be viewed in real-time and will also be available to watch at a later time.
- There is limited handicap parking available at the BPAC. If you have difficulty finding handicapped parking, please ask parking security for assistance.
- Guests who need wheelchair-access or easy-access seating will have access to limited seating in the BPAC. Easy-access seating is reserved for guests who have trouble navigating stairs. Each guest that needs easy access seating will be allowed to have one companion sit with them. Upon entry to the auditorium, let the ushers know if you need access to this seating.
- Families and guests are urged to arrive at the doors of the BPAC at least 45 minutes in advance of the start of the ceremony. Please allow adequate time for parking, walking, and seating in the BPAC.
- Guests are only allowed to bring a water bottle, purse, umbrellas (in case of rain), and a camera.
- Be respectful. Please express your excitement in ways that will not prevent others from enjoying the ceremony or hearing the names of graduates when announced. Please don't applaud as the other graduates and their guests will not be able to hear their names being read.
- Adherence to the University's tobacco and alcohol policy is required.
- Guests are expected to act in a civilized manner. If they cause disruption before, or during, the ceremony they will be warned the first time. If they continue the behavior, they will be escorted out of the building by security and will not be allowed to return to the ceremony.
- No children under the age of 6 will be allowed in the ceremony unless they are the child of the graduating student. All children must have their tickets to enter the auditorium, regardless of their age.
- Cell phones are to be turned off or on silent.
- We ask that guests remain at their seats until the platform party, faculty and graduates have recessed. Guests in handicap and easy access seating will be supported in departing the auditorium after the recession.

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## Commencement Day Locations

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Please see the map on our website for the following locations:

- Commencement Ceremony – See gold star at BPAC – Facility number 17
- Parking for Commencement – BPAC parking (regular and handicap)
- Alumni Holiday Open House – Facility 15 – See Purple star - Join the Delta State University Alumni Association and Foundation after commencement for a holiday open house at the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Building. Take a picture next to the Delta State University sign, have some cookies, and support your graduates in learning how to receive their free one-year membership to the Alumni Association. The Fighting Okra may even make an appearance for pictures. Let's celebrate graduation the green and white way!
- Photography spots:
  - Professional photographs (8-9 before ceremony) – Inside Ziegel Hall – Facility 24
  - Photo with the Okra or Statesman at the Flag pole, north end of Quad – (Canceled if raining.)
  - Photo at the entrance to campus by the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni-Foundation House – Facility 15
  - Photo at the Clock, between Union and Ward Hall - Unmanned photo area
  - Mathews-Sanders Sculpture Garden at the BPAC – Facility 17 - Unmanned photo area
- Meals/coffee/tea available for purchase in the Union (Facility 41) – Chick-Fil-A (10:30 – 2) and Starbucks (8 – 12)

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## Commencement Day Documents

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Use the following QR code or website to access the following documents:

- Guest Information
- Commencement Program
- Event Map
- Live Streaming Webcast / Recording of Ceremony



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