

Get graduation-ready by reviewing the information below!



Where to be and When

Friday, May 8

1 pm Graduation Rehearsal – Information Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Burt Administration Building

- An alphabetical list of the graduates' lineup will be available. Check the list to find your correct location and stand in your location.
- Receive instructions for graduation, ensure your name is pronounced correctly by the faculty name reader, and rehearse walking across the stage

6 pm Nurses Pinning (PN, ASN, & BSN) – Parker Theatre, Roland Fine Arts Center

Saturday, May 9

8:45 – 9:30 am Undergraduate Honors Medallion pick up – Information Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Burt Administration Building ***See Undergraduate Honors on the flip side*

9:15 am Graduation lineup

- *Anything that you cannot fit into a pocket (keys, cell phone, etc., you should leave with someone else so you aren't inhibited at graduation – also make a plan on where to meet them after graduation has ended)*
- Meet on the 2nd floor of the Burt Administration Building. If it is storming, then we will start in the back (blue court) of the Mabee Sports Complex
- An alphabetical list of the graduates' lineup will be available. Check the list to find your correct location and stand in your location.

9:50 am Graduation processional begins

- You will march in line from the Burt Administration Building to the Mabee Sports Complex (HLGU's Walk of Honor) to your seat. *If you have special needs that make walking across campus impossible or very difficult, contact me, Lauren Youse, at lauren.youse@hlg.edu or (573) 629-3126 to work out a plan for joining the processional at the entrance to the Mabee Sports Complex.*

What to wear to your graduation (besides your cap and gown 😊)

- Men—wear a long-sleeved dress shirt, tie, dark dress-slacks (no jeans), socks, & dress shoes.
- Women—wear a dress or skirt/top, dark dress pants (no jeans)/top, dress shoes (*you will be walking from the Admin to the MSC...so you may want to wear comfortable dress shoes with a lower heel rather than a higher heel*). It looks best if the dress or skirt does not hang below the hem of your gown.
- Stoles or medallions given to graduates to signify honors are worn over the gown. Only official university stoles, cords or medallions may be worn during the ceremony. Any personal stoles or cords should only be worn for informal, non-ceremony photos. Official university stoles, cords or medallions include those given in recognition of academic awards, military service, athletic teams, 1st generation, international status, campus organizations, and HLGU Donors. All stoles cords or medallions must be in line with HLGU's mission and student code of conduct.
- The cap is worn with the point in the center of the forehead and the mortarboard horizontal, not tilted to the back or the side.
- The tassel hangs on the right side until after degrees are granted and the Graduate's Pledge is recited. The class then switches the tassel to the left together.
- Men will remove the cap for prayer and put it back on after prayer. The cap is worn at all other times during the ceremony.
- Do not wear corsages, pins, jewelry, or anything else attached to your gown. Please do not decorate your mortarboard.
- Iron your cap and gown. (Or if you can't iron it, hang it on a hanger for several hours to allow some of the wrinkles to fall out.)

Cap and gowns will not be available until a few days before graduation. Once they are ready, an email will be sent to let you know. Cap and gowns are handled through the Campus Store located in the Foster Student Center.

Regular hours are M - F 10-Noon; 1-3 pm. Graduation day: 8 am – the procession starts.

Questions - Contact Sue Booth at 573-629-3002 or sbooth@hlg.edu.

Capturing the Memory

- Sarti Photo Services takes care of the graduation photos for the HLGU graduates. Sarti Photo Services, formerly Kabance Photography, specializes in graduation photography and has served HLGU for many years. There are two pictures taken for each student at commencement. The first picture is taken when the graduate shakes hands with the HLGU President on the platform, and the second is taken at the green screen after the graduate exits the platform. Additional pictures are taken with graduates during line-up prior to commencement, and with families after commencement. Please go to www.sartiphoto.com to order your graduation photos
- To take your own photos, please use the designated area for guests to take pictures. This is located behind the first set of chains near the platform.
- Videotaping: Family and friends may videotape Commencement. Tripods may not be set up in the aisles under any circumstances or block the view of others.
- Video Streaming-Commencement will be live streamed on the HLGU Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HLGuniversity

Undergraduate Honors

Alpha Chi stoles will not be awarded this year.

Honors hoods are granted by the Director of the Honors Program. This is separate from graduation rehearsal.

Verbal recognition of honors will be given at commencement to honor graduates at the baccalaureate level. To receive honors, graduates must meet all three of the following requirements:

- Have earned a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 or above (includes hours completed at HLGU and transferred hours);
- Have completed all coursework or be within 3 hours of completion (including incomplete coursework); (If you need to take a course during the May term to fulfill your graduation requirements, you must be registered for those classes before graduation day.)
- Have completed at least half of the coursework toward the degree at HLGU to receive Latin honors. See HLGU's catalog, "Academic Honors Recognition" section in the current catalog (on page 45 of the 2023-24 printed catalog under www.hlg.edu) for additional information.

If you are eligible for an honors medallion, pick it up on Saturday, May 9 from 8:45 to 9:30 am at the Information Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Burt Administration Building. Questions? Contact the Academic Office at (573) 629-3092.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I want your graduation to be a special memory for you and your loved ones.

Campus directions, maps, hotel info and much more can be found at <http://www.hlg.edu/news-events/commencement/>

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