

ATTENDING SPRING 2009 COMMENCEMENT?

Please bring this information with you to prepare for this memorable event.

Graduates should share these details with their guests.

Visit the University Commencement website frequently for information and updates <http://graduation.asu.edu>

ARRIVAL AT THE STADIUM PER THE INFORMATION ON YOUR TICKET IS VITAL.

This will allow the thousands of guests attending this event time to clear security and enter the stadium before the 7 pm start of the ceremony. The Pre-ceremony celebration will begin at 5 pm. All guests will access the stadium through the North and Northeast sides of Sun Devil Stadium. Staggered arrival times are designed to keep everyone as comfortable as possible and are critical to managing the 71,000 people who plan to attend. Please prepare to wait up to 90 minutes to clear the security check points.

GETTING TO SUN DEVIL STADIUM

Car pooling and public transportation is strongly encouraged.

- **Light Rail:** The light rail system will be adding extra cars for this event and offers free parking in their park and ride lots. **The closest light rail stop to the security check points is at University Drive and Rural Road.** Visit http://www.valleymetro.org/metro_light_rail/ for fare information and a map of the light rail system.
- **Free shuttles** for graduates, their guests, faculty and staff will run from the ASU West, Downtown and Polytechnic campuses to Sun Devil Stadium directly. Additional information is available on the Parking and Transit website at www.asu.edu/parking_graduation_commencement. The use of shuttles will allow guests to be dropped off at a location close to both areas where security check points will queue.
- If you plan to drive to campus, please plan also to carpool. Parking on and near the Tempe campus is extremely limited. Public transportation is an excellent option.
- For **disabled parking locations**, please check the graduation and parking and transit websites for new information. http://uabf.asu.edu/parking_disabled

Street Closures:

- Veteran's Way will be closed from Mill Avenue to University beginning at noon on May 13. The street will re-open at the end of the event. Surrounding streets will be closed for more limited periods.
- The most current information about street closures can be found on the Parking and Transit website. http://uabf.asu.edu/parking_graduation_commencement

ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT SUN DEVIL STADIUM

- Everyone must present a ticket in order to enter the stadium, *regardless of their role in the ceremony.*
- Hats, sun screen and sun glasses are strongly encouraged for everyone in your party.
- Water for everyone in your party is also strongly encouraged. Water bottles must be discarded when arriving at security check points. **Complimentary water stations will be located outside and inside the stadium.** Concessions will also be available outside and inside the stadium. Restroom facilities will be available outside of the stadium for guests while they wait.
- There will be tenting outside the stadium in several locations as well as "cool zones" outside and inside the stadium. Everyone should prepare for temperatures in the low 100's on graduation day. Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated. Complimentary fans will be handed out to all graduates and guests. Arizona Native Tip: Bring a small wet towel or kerchief to keep on your neck and head to help keep your body temperature down.
- Cameras, cell phone, MP3 players, binoculars, small tubes of sun screen and other small comfort items will be allowed through security. For a list of prohibited items, please visit <http://graduation.asu.edu/announcements>
- Graduates must carry their caps and gowns with them to enter the stadium.

PREPARE TO CLEAR SECURITY

- In order to expedite everyone through security, please prepare to open your bags and empty your pockets.
- Please do not bring in any items that you are uncertain will be allowed. Confiscated items cannot be retrieved later as there is no secure location to hold items.