

ORDER OF EVENTS

Take a deep breath. You've made it to the finish line and this is a day for celebration!

Immediately following the class picture, graduates will begin lining up in alphabetical order (staff members are assigned to help you with this.)

For the processional, it is very important that you follow the person in front of you! Remain standing throughout the processional.

Listen to the marshals and watch the first 5-10 students. They have rehearsed!

When it is time for you to receive your degree, only the FIRST row will stand and move forward. Each subsequent row will stand and proceed at the direction of marshals. (In case of changes, always pay attention to the speaker.)

On your way to the stage, stop at Ms. Durham's table by the stage for your name card. Give your card to Dean Challener, who will call out the name listed on the card.

Once your name is announced, President Thompson will present you with your diploma. You will then cross the stage to be photographed with Dean Anderson. There should be taped Xs on the floor where you stop at each point. After the photo, you may then walk back down to your row and be seated.

After the benediction the recessional will follow. The stage party and faculty will exit first. Please follow the marshals through the foyer and outside if the weather permits. Please remember to keep the line moving so that fellow graduates will be able to exit the church sanctuary (to get outside.)

Wear your cap and gown downstairs to the reception area. There will be designated tables located outside the fellowship hall EAST for you to return your regalia. DO NOT drop your regalia anywhere else. Follow signs or ask staff members if you have questions!

You did it! Enjoy the reception in the fellowship hall with family, guests, and friends. CONGRATULATIONS and enjoy the rest of your day.