

CLASS OF 2018 COMMENCEMENT

Lake County, Valparaiso, and Michigan City

SATURDAY
MAY 12TH

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY'S
ATHLETICS-RECREATION
CENTER (ARC)
**1009 UNION ST.
VALPARAISO, IN 46383**

**GRADUATES PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:30 A.M.
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M.**



DIRECTIONS

From I-65

- Exit at US-30 East in Merrillville.
- Proceed approximately 12 miles east to Valparaiso.
- You will see the US-30 entrance to the University on the left (on the north side of US-30), leading towards the Chapel.
- You may also continue past this entrance and then turn left at the Sturdy Road stoplight at the edge of campus (If you drive past Wal-Mart, you have gone too far). The Torch entrance to the University is 100 yards on the left.

From I-80/90 or I-94

- Exit at IN-49 South in Chesterton.
- Proceed approx. 8 miles south to Valparaiso, then exit onto US-30 West.
- After passing through the second stoplight, you will see the entrance to campus on your right.

PARKING

Please allow additional time for parking and walking to the ARC.

Several parking lots will be available, however they will be in various locations around campus, and some may require a 5-10 minute walk. For a map of available parking lots, please visit www.ivytech.edu/graduation and select your campus from the dropdown menu.

A limited number of motorized carts will be available to transport guests from outlying areas to the Athletics-Recreation Center. Priority will be given to guests with mobility issues, and guests may have to wait for an available cart.

LIVESTREAM

Watch Commencement LIVE online! <http://bit.ly/NWGrad2018>

This year we will be broadcasting the Commencement ceremony live online using Valparaiso University's web streaming service. The link is active now and can be bookmarked in your browser.

GUESTS

There is no limit on the number of guests each graduate may invite. No tickets are needed. Programs will be available at no charge.

SPECIAL NEEDS

****GRADUATES AND GUESTS**** If you require special accommodations during the ceremony, please contact our Disability Support staff:

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GRADUATE INSTRUCTIONS

Graduate check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Hilltop Gym on the second floor of the ARC. **Please arrive and complete check-in no later than 9:45 a.m.**

- There is no rehearsal for graduation.
- Parking is free. **Please park in Lot P14 or P15.** *Allow additional time for parking and walking to the ARC.*
- Arrive dressed in your cap and gown with your tassel to the right. Dressing rooms are not available.
- There is no place to keep personal belongings during the ceremony. Please leave purses and other personal items with a friend or family member or leave the items at home.
- Head to the registration table to check in and get your name card (and cords if you are eligible)
- Before the ceremony, you will be lined up by your school and alphabetically (your name card will show your school and place in line).
- **Keep your name card with you.**
- A floor marshal will lead you into the ceremony area before 11 a.m. Be sure to take your name card.
- During the ceremony, the floor marshal will direct your row when to stand and move toward the stage.
- Once on stage, you'll give your name card to the reader, then cross the stage to receive your diploma cover and have your picture taken.
- Return to your seat for the remainder of the ceremony.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Wear lightweight, comfortable business casual clothing under your cap and gown. You will be standing for long periods of time and navigating stairs. Comfortable walking shoes are strongly recommended. Do not wear jeans, shorts or athletic shoes.

WHAT ABOUT ACADEMIC HONOR CORDS?

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher as of the Fall 2017 semester are eligible to wear honor cords. Honor cords will be given to eligible students at the commencement ceremony.

WHAT OTHER REGALIA CAN I WEAR?

- Veterans will receive a special red, white and blue cord to wear upon checking in.
- Phi Theta Kappa members - Stoles will be distributed at the commencement ceremony. Please notify your PTK advisor if you plan to attend graduation. Members can purchase their PTK cords online at www.ptk.org/Store/Graduation. You'll need your PTK member ID, found on your membership card.
- Kappa Beta Delta members can purchase your KBD cords and stole at www.kappabetadeltastore.org.

Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Beta Delta graduates should wear the appropriate Ivy Tech tassel(s). You may not wear the mixed yellow/blue tassel.

HOW WILL I GET MY DIPLOMA?

At the ceremony, you will receive your diploma COVER. Diplomas are mailed out after final grades are posted and your degree has been awarded. Participation in commencement does not confirm graduation status and students need to monitor their Ivy Tech email for any updates on degree/credential conferral.

Spring graduates will receive their diplomas in the mail by late June. Summer graduates will receive their diplomas in the mail by late September.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Families are welcome to take pictures or video, but must remain in their seats so they don't block the view of the stage for other guests.

Cooley's Video will be the official photographer at your Commencement ceremony. Photos will be available for viewing and ordering by visiting www.cooleysvideo.com about 2-3 business days after the event.