



# 2017 Commencement Guidebook

A complete guide for graduates and their families

## Information for Graduate Students

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### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, May 4, 2017

##### SESS Doctoral Dinner

4 p.m.  
Doubletree Hotel, Moon Twp.

In recognition of candidates for the Ph.D. in Instructional Management and Leadership. *(By invitation only.)*

##### SNHS Doctoral Dinner

5 p.m.  
Sheraton Hotel, Moon Twp.

In recognition of candidates for the D.N.P. degree. *(By invitation only.)*

##### SCIS Doctoral Dinner

5 p.m.  
Sheraton Hotel, Moon Twp.

In recognition of candidates for the D.Sc. in Information Systems and Communications. *(By invitation only.)*

#### Friday, May 5, 2017

##### Ceremony Preparation

2:30–3 p.m.  
Sewall Center, Level 3

**Please note:** Guests may not accompany graduates to the assembly area.

##### Master's Degree Candidates

Report directly to the International Suite, Level 3, Sewall Center, for distribution of name cards and robing.

##### Doctoral Degree Candidates

Report directly to the third floor of Sewall Center. There will be a brief explanation of the procedures for the ceremony.

##### Faculty & Staff in Procession

Report to the robing area on the second floor of Sewall Center.

##### Procession

3:45 p.m.  
Doors to Sewall Center Arena are closed.

##### Post-Commencement Reception

Immediately following the ceremony  
Joe Walton Stadium Concourse

Avoid the traffic rush and mingle with faculty and fellow

##### Guest Seating

2:30 p.m.  
*(For special needs reserved seating, see details on the home page.)*

Sewall Center Arena doors open for general seating. Tickets are not required for guests. Due to space limitations, strollers are not permitted in the arena. Families with young children who may become restless can watch the ceremony live via closed-circuit TV in the children's play area on the third floor.

##### Required Assembly

3:15 p.m.  
Graduates line up for procession.

##### Commencement Ceremony

4 p.m.  
Sewall Center Arena  
Ceremony begins promptly at 4 p.m.

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graduates before saying your last goodbyes. Light refreshments served.



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