GRADUATING SENIOR

Graduation commencement ceremonies will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019 at Texas Southern University’s Health and Physical Education Building. For YOUR ceremony to be the best, you should follow the instructions below.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE/DRESS

ARRIVAL: All seniors will report to the Competition Gym dressed and ready to go NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m.

DEPARTURE: All seniors must be transported to Texas Southern University on SMSD buses, NO EXCEPTIONS.

EVERYONE: No shorts or tennis shoes. Each graduate must have a school approved cap and gown. Gowns must match the current year color. If you choose to wear a gown from a previous year, it must match, or you will be responsible for purchasing one at the Competition gym for the late fee price of $65.00.

BACKPACK/PURSES: Backpacks and/or purses are not allowed on the floor at TSU. Please do not bring these items with you. If you are driving, lock these items in your car and place your car keys in a zip lock bag and leave them with your faculty row leader.

CELLPHONES: Cell phones are not allowed on the floor at TSU. Your faculty row leader will have an individual zip lock bag for you to put your cell phone in. You will write your name on the front. You will receive your cell phone back from your faculty row leader at the end of the ceremony.

MALES: Slacks, shirt (with a collar), tie and dark shoes. The gowns do not have a collar, so a shirt with a collar looks better. Remember, your family wants a nice picture!

FEMALES: Dress, slacks and blouse. You MUST wear flats or wedge shoes ONLY.

GRADUATION CEREMONY PICTURES

Every graduate will have a photograph taken by a professional photographer as you exit the stage. Marc Nathan Photography (281) 549-2367 will mail each student a proof of his/her picture. Your parents can order from the proofs.

PROCEDENTIAL

At 6:50 p.m., the processional line up will start with the first bus. You will follow the teacher escorts through the hallways at TSU. At 7:00 p.m. sharp, the band will start the processional music and the procession will begin. Once you are in your row (the rows will have a number on them), remain standing until you are told to be seated.
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS

When your row is directed to stand, everyone in your row will stand, turn to their RIGHT and follow the row leader to the stage. Once you have received your cover, continue across the stage, down the ramp and stop to take your picture. Go down the side of the stage until you reach your row, then turn into that row and go back to your seat. The rows will have a number on them.

RECESSIONAL

After the closing, remain standing in your row and turn toward the center. A sponsor will direct each tow to exit. You will exit the building through the same entrance you came through. If you are riding the bus back to campus, you will go left. If you are meeting your family members, have them meet you outside of the arena on Blodgett/Ennis street entrance between the parking garage and the arena.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

DIRECTIONS FROM COMPETITION GYM

1. Turn right onto Staffordshire Rd, follow to US-90 ALT E 5 min (1.7 mi)
2. Continue on US-90 ALT E. Take State Hwy 288 N/TX-288 N to Service Rd. in Houston. Take the exit toward Southmore St/Blodgett St from State Hwy 288 N/TX-288 N 17min (14.4 mi)
3. Continue on I-610 E. Take State Hwy 288 N/TX-288 N to Service Rd. Take the exit toward Southmore St/Blodgett St from State Hwy 288 N/TX-288 N (7.3mi)
4. Take Hutchins St to Cleburne St

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3. Take Alabama St to Cleburne St (2.4 mi)

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FAMILY AND GUEST PARKING:

Parking is available in the West Parking Garage at 3095 Blodgett Street.

Surface level parking is available at Lot S-1 (TSU Student Parking) at the corner of Blodgett Street and Tierwester Oaks, past the parking garage.