



FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC  
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# Congratulations

2020 & 2021 GRADUATES

GUEST COMMENCEMENT GUIDE

## CEREMONY

Florida Poly's Spring 2021 Commencement will be held Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. (will last approximately 2 ½ hours) at the Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium (2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33805).

## ARRIVAL, SEATING, AND CONCESSION INFORMATION

Guests should enter through the main entrance/Home Plate Gate and park in the general parking spaces. Handicap accessible parking is available through the main entrance. Gates will open at 9 a.m.

Guests will be wanded upon entrance and all bags will be checked. Clear bags are recommended to provide an efficient security process.

Guests must have the physical ticket with them to be admitted into the stadium. Guest tickets will have a preassigned seat number listed. Guests may only sit in their ticketed seat and in groups no larger than four. Lap-seated children 2 years old and younger do not need a ticket. After the ceremony, graduates will be led out of the Third Base Gate and will not be permitted to re-enter the stadium. Guests should plan to meet their graduate(s) outside the stadium.

Concession stands will be closed, but water will be available for purchase.

## ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

If you need ADA accommodations, please email [ada@floridapoly.edu](mailto:ada@floridapoly.edu) with your request. Limited companion seating is available for guests who confirm their request with ADA services prior to the event.

## CONSIDERATION FOR ALL GUESTS AND GRADUATES

This is an important day for all in attendance and we ask that guests limit their celebration as their graduate's name is called. Prolonged celebration may prevent the guests of the next graduate from hearing their name called. Noise makers, bullhorns, and other loud devices are not permitted. While photos and video recording are welcome, guests may not stand in stairways or walkways during the ceremony as this may block the view for other guests.

## OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Lifetouch is the official photographer for commencement. The photographers will have clear access to take photos of the graduates during the ceremony. Graduates and their families will have the opportunity to order commencement photos from Lifetouch. Graduates will be sent a link to order commencement photos when they become available. Visit [events.lifetouch.com](https://events.lifetouch.com) to find the photos taken at the 2021 Commencement.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Share your Florida Poly pride before, during, and after the ceremony by tagging your pics #FLPolyGrad on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. All day-of updates, including inclement weather information, will be shared on Facebook and Twitter.

All content is subject to change. Please check [floridapoly.edu/commencement](https://floridapoly.edu/commencement) for updates.



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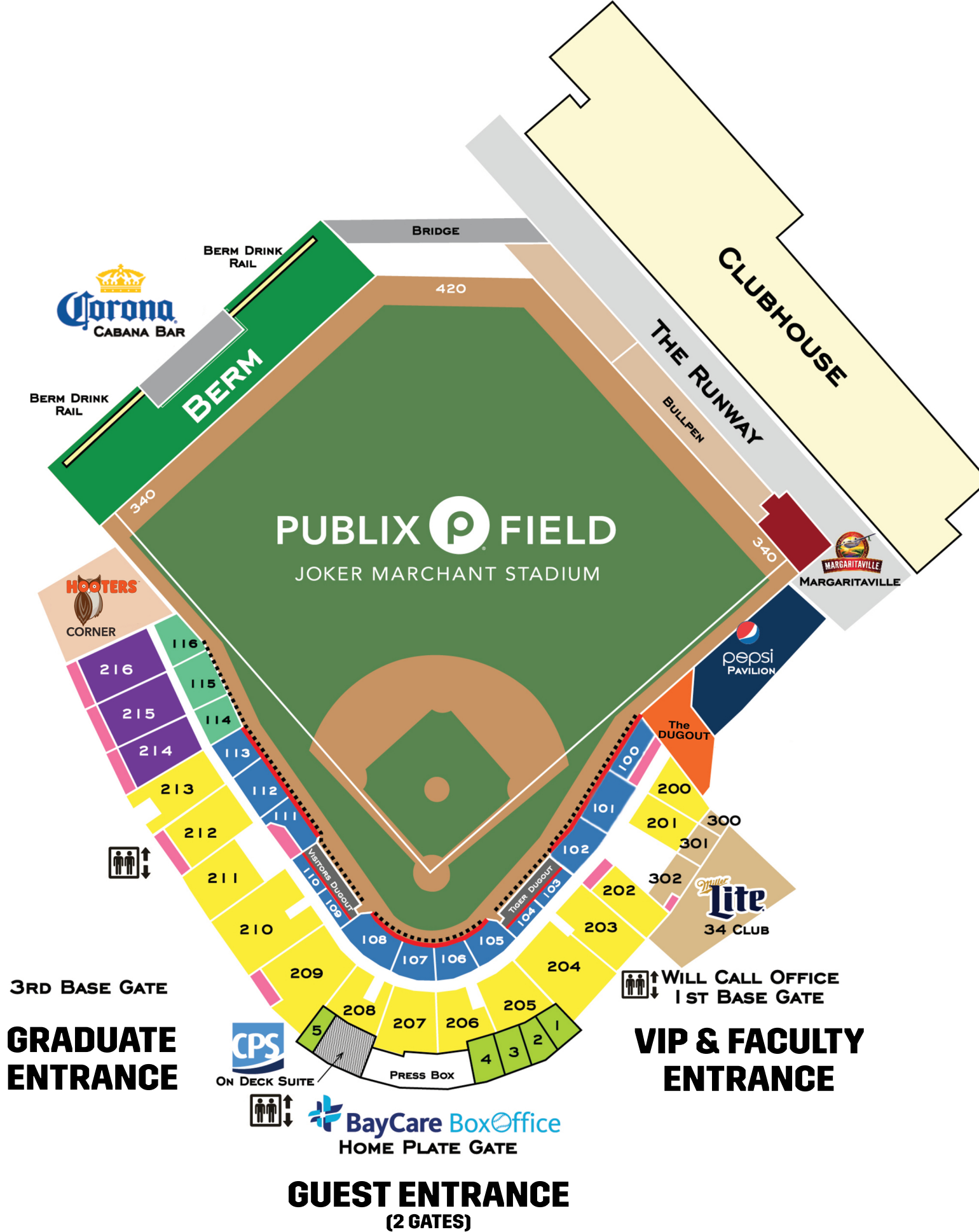
## INCLEMENT WEATHER

All graduates and guests are encouraged to pay careful attention to the weather forecast in the days ahead of the event and prepare accordingly. If rain is predicted, all attendees are encouraged to bring a poncho or rain jacket. Umbrellas will not be permitted in the stadium. In the case of lightning, the event may be delayed; however, the event will go on rain or shine.

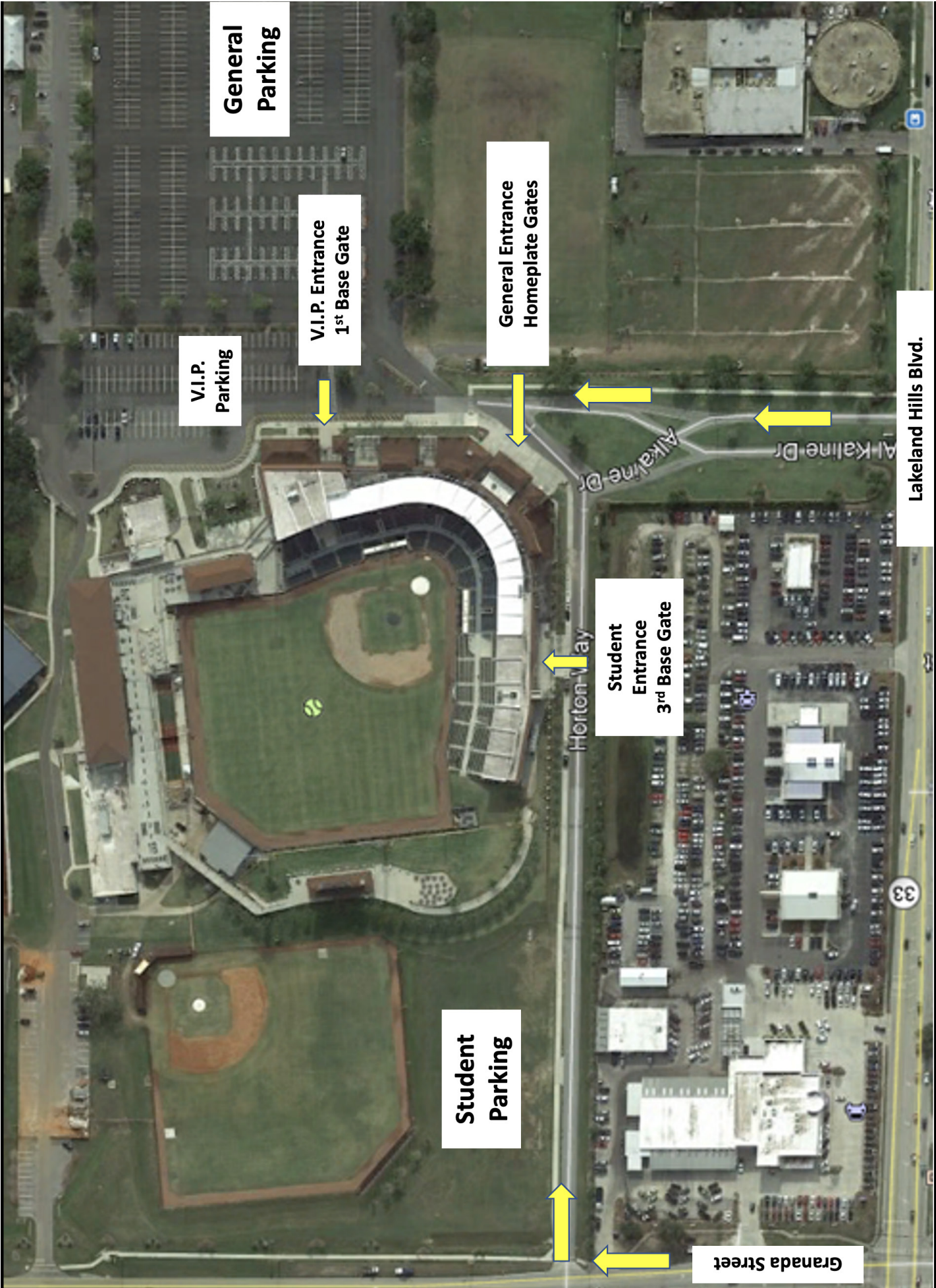
## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Physical distancing will be used for guests and graduate seating at commencement. **Masks are required** and additional masks will be distributed to participants and guests as needed. Hand sanitizer stations can be found throughout the stadium and individual hand sanitizer will be provided.

*Every person attending Commencement is expected to accept personal responsibility for their actions. By following all current CDC recommendations and University policies and procedures. Guidance from the US Centers of Disease Control (CDC) continues to emphasize that everyone must follow all steps to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 at all times. This includes proper use of face masks, social distancing, and personal hygiene. It is important to note that CDC guidelines are based on what is currently known about COVID-19 and its variants.*







**General  
Parking**

**V.I.P.  
Parking**

**V.I.P. Entrance  
1<sup>st</sup> Base Gate**

**General Entrance  
Homeplate Gates**

**Student  
Entrance  
3<sup>rd</sup> Base Gate**

**Student  
Parking**

**Granada Street**

**Lakeland Hills Blvd.**