



Congratulations

2018 GRADUATES

SPRING 2018 COMMENCEMENT GUIDE

CEREMONY

Florida Poly's Spring 2018 Commencement will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, at the RP Funding Center, Youkey Theater, 701 W. Lime St., Lakeland, Florida. All guests must have a ticket (except lap infants).

PARKING AND GUEST SEATING

Free parking is available in the Blue Parking Lot. Families and guests are urged to arrive in time to be seated by 3:20 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:30 p.m.

SECURITY

Balloons, wrapped packages, posters and banners are not allowed. All items are subject to search.

REQUIRED APPAREL

Students must wear a cap and gown purchased from the university bookstore. The deadline to order apparel was March 16. Cap and gowns are available for pickup during normal bookstore hours, between April 23 and May 3. Students are required to wear professional dress and dress shoes under their gown.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Gradimages is the official photographer for commencement. They will have photographers with clear access to the stage during the ceremony. Families may choose to order photos of their graduate. To learn more (or pre-register for a 20 percent discount), visit gradimages.com/preregistration.

SOCIAL MEDIA

#FLPolyGrad18 is the official hashtag for commencement. Students and guests will have the opportunity to take photos with props and a Florida Poly backdrop before and after the ceremony.

BOOKSTORE

The bookstore will be selling university merchandise (diploma frames, alumni items, glassware, gift bags, etc.) before, during and after the ceremony.

At-A-Glance Schedule	
10 a.m.	Mandatory rehearsal.
1:30-2 p.m.	Students to arrive and check-in at Exhibit Hall.
1:30-3 p.m.	Students will remain in the Exhibit Hall. During this time, students who participate in the Senior Class Gift by making a donation to the Alumni Association may pick up their philanthropy cord from the Alumni Association table.
2:30 p.m.	Youkey Theatre doors open
3:20 p.m.	Guests are urged to arrive in time to be seated by 3:20 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	Ceremony begins.
<i>Representatives from the Alumni Association and the bookstore will be on-site throughout the festivities.</i>	

WHEN TO ARRIVE

Graduates must check in at the Exhibit Hall between 1:30 and 2 p.m. Doors to the Youkey Theatre lobby will open at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:30 p.m. and is expected to last approximately two hours.



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ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

The RP Funding Center is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Youkey Theatre events use the Blue Parking Lot and handicap ramp. Assisted listening devices are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit rpfundingcenter.com. To request ADA accommodations contact Michelle Disson at least 14 days in advance by sending an email to ada@floridapoly.edu or calling 863-874-8484. Requests received after April 20 will be processed, but the university cannot guarantee those requests can be fulfilled.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Take the Phoenix spirit with you. Be sure to visit the Alumni Association table in the Exhibit Hall to join the Alumni Association (membership is free). This is also where you'll receive your philanthropy cord for participating in the Senior Class Gift. Help the Senior class raise \$1,500 to permanently commemorate the Class of 2018 on a campus bench. In the Youkey Theatre lobby, graduates and their families will have the opportunity to leave their legacy on a commemorative engraved brick for a gift of \$250. For more information visit floridapoly.edu/alumni.



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