



Welcome, Family and Friends!

Commencement Ceremony Guest Information

Commencement represents one of your graduate's most memorable life experiences. It is our sincere hope that this information is helpful and ensures that the celebration of this important milestone is just as enjoyable and memorable for you.

E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall

(www.ejthomashall.com • 330-972-7595)

Commencement ceremonies are held at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, 198 Hill St., Akron, 44325, located at the intersection of Hill St. and E. Buchtel Ave. on the west side of campus. For your convenience, public telephones, restrooms, drinking fountains and first aid are located in Robertson Lobby.

Parking

(www.uakron.edu/parking • 330-972-7213)

All UA parking lots are open for commencement with no permits required. In addition to the E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall parking deck, parking is available in the deck on E. Buchtel Ave. and in the lots at the corner of Lincoln St. and S. Forge St., near McDowell Law Center and near the Buckingham Center.

Ceremony Guest Seating

All guest seating is first-come, first-served, and begins one hour prior to the ceremony. All guests, including infants and children, must have a guest ticket. Seats may not be reserved for late-arriving guests. For the comfort and safety of all guests, please plan to remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

Accommodations for Guests with Special Needs

Please arrive one hour prior to the ceremony to ensure that your needs are comfortably accommodated. E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall ushers are available to provide any needed assistance. Please be advised that wheelchair seating is limited and that accompanying family members may be seated in nearby rows as space allows. Also note that a sign language interpreter signs each ceremony and that a special sound system is available at the Information Counter in the main lobby. Questions may be directed to 330-972-7595.

Parking for vehicles with a valid state disability parking placard is available in the E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall deck and in the lot located at the intersection of Hill St. and E. Buchtel Ave. Wheelchair access to the hall is available through the E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall parking deck.

Photography

(www.gradimages.com • 800-261-2576)

Professional photographers from GradImages™ take photographs of each degree candidate prior to the ceremony processional and on stage. Although photography during the ceremony is prohibited, you will find excellent photography opportunities on the E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall Terrace and in Robertson Lobby prior to and following the commencement ceremony as well as during GradFest.

Commencement DVD

Each commencement ceremony, from processional to recessional, is professionally video recorded. Please visit www.uakron.edu/registrar/graduation/comm-video-order.dot to order a keepsake DVD of your graduate's commencement ceremony.