

COMMENCEMENT GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

FROM 2022 Senior Class Presidents: Maya Guzdar, Juyon Lee, Nidhi Mahale, Shreyas Parab

Provided below is a quick overview of what to bring, what NOT to bring and what to expect when you arrive. **PLEASE NOTE:** For important times, lineup, security & entry requirements please read the [Ceremony Instructions for Graduate Candidates on the Commencement website](#).

As usual, we encourage students to be creative and express themselves in the Wacky Walk into the Commencement ceremony. As you plan possible “WACKY” approaches to your entrance into the stadium, please review the important information below and plan to have fun!

Here’s how this year’s Wacky Walk will work:

DO:

- Have **FUN!**
- Be **CREATIVE!**
- Be **SAFE!**
- Wear your cap and gown
- Be kind to the environment PLEASE!
- Bring as little “extra” as possible with you so you can walk out with it not leave it behind
 - ◇ Help with sustainable low impact practices!
 - ◇ Minimal is the new float!... you can decorate your cap as many previous grads have done! You’ll have a forever keepsake and it will help the environment, i.e., lower impact!
 - ◇ Make it EASY on yourself the environment, and help our campus staff, so they don’t have to clean up after you

HEALTH & SAFETY: With certain exceptions, **face coverings** are not required but continue to be **strongly recommended** on campus. Please respect each other’s choices about masking.

Look for and listen to the Commencement Marshals

- They will be your guides to the field and get you where you need to be! Please help them and listen to the directions when on the field. Please take your seat when you hear their announcement.
- They will be wearing red ribbons with the word: “**MARSHAL**” so you can’t miss them! Other event staff will be there to help too.
- The marshals will take possession of any signs or objects that exceed their designated size or obstruct the view of others.
- Stanford Staff reserves the right to refuse entrance to you if what you bring, even if not specifically mentioned, is deemed unsafe or otherwise inappropriate for inclusion in the **Wacky Walk**. You will be asked to leave any non-permitted items outside of the Stadium and process onto the field without them.
- Also note, bag check is available in the Varsity Lot, which is a long walk from Gate 12, so be sure to review the [Clear Bag policy](#) and do not bring any non-permitted bags to the gate.
- Please do not bring anything valuable onto the field as the university is not responsible for lost items.

COMMENCEMENT GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Items that **WILL NOT** be Permitted on the Field:

- Balloons
- Signs larger than 3' x 3' - No kidding! Measure them or they won't get in.
- Projectiles such as flying discs, Frisbees
- Selfie sticks, sharp and potentially unsafe objects wooden OR metal such as poles, spears, baseball bats, oars, hockey sticks, tennis racket, PVC pipes, etc.) - *refers to loose piping that could be used as a weapon, not to a structure that is integrated into a costume*
- Remote control flying devices such as model helicopters, planes, or drones
- Amplified sound equipment or noise makers of any kind including bullhorns, boom boxes, or speaker systems, air horns or distracting noisemakers.
- Guns, knives or weapons of any type, or anything that could be mistaken for one
- Alcohol and illicit drugs
- Glass bottles
- Live animals (service animals exempt)
- Flammable, incendiary or open flame devices (e.g., fireworks, helium tubes and tanks, propane, dry ice, fire extinguishers, hibachis, lighters, etc.).
- No smoking of any kind is allowed in the stadium

Please note: Read the above guidelines carefully so you don't get held back in the lineup.

The lineup begins at 7:30 a.m. Stadium Gate 12. Ceremony is at 9:30 SHARP so get there early!!!

The ***Wacky Walk!*** has been a popular undergraduate tradition and it is in this spirit that we remind you that it needs to be safe and comfortable for everyone, so that upcoming senior classes can participate in future years.

We look forward to seeing you at Commencement enjoying a GREAT 2022 *Wacky Walk!*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!!!