

Class of 2022

Commencement Ceremony
May 7, 2022



Event Details:

- **Date:** May 7, 2022
- **Location:** Bodnar Field
- **How:** In-Person and Livestreamed
- **Tickets:**
 - Four reserved and assigned seats per graduate
 - Open non-reserved seating on field and in bleachers
- **Weather Plans:** Rain or shine, unless risk of lightning

Communications:

- **Notification to Families**
 - Letter from Pres. Cropper sent to those indicated on the form to register for Commencement
 - Sent last week
- **Invitation to Extend Housing**
 - Allows residential graduates and those working Commencement to remain in residence hall through Commencement
 - Sent by email from Residence Life last week
- **Invitations to Academic Receptions**
 - Email to graduates to forward to family and other guests
 - Sent this morning

Commencement Keynote Speaker:



- **Major General Barrye L. Price, U.S. Army, Retired**
President and CEO
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

Major General (Retired) Barrye L. Price is a decorated officer of the U.S. Army who has served around the world, an educator, and a leader in the anti-drug effort. He is President and CEO of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), a nonprofit organization that is committed to creating safe, healthy, and drug-free communities globally.

Cadet and Master's Student Speakers:

- **Cadet Olivia Muñoz**
Oceanography 2022
- **Alicia Bryant Winterbottom**
GSMA 2008
MSTEM 2020

Safety Protocols:

- Masks are not required for those fully vaccinated, but are strongly encouraged for the unvaccinated. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the event entrance.
- Individuals who are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms or are ill should not attend the event and are encouraged to participate by viewing the live stream.
- The venue is outdoors and shaded areas will be limited.

Commencement Week:

- **Monday, May 2**
Final Exams
- **Tuesday, May 3**
Final Exams
- **Wednesday, May 4**
Final Exams
- **Thursday, May 5**
Senior Celebration (6:00-8:00)
- **Friday, May 6**
Commissioning Rehearsal
(11:15-12:00)
Commencement Rehearsal
(1:00-3:00pm)
Academic Receptions (3:30-4:45pm)
Senior Awards (5:00-5:45pm)

Commencement Day:

- **Saturday, May 7**

Shuttles start at 8:00am and will run until 2:00pm. Remind your guests to allow 60 minutes to park, shuttle, walk, and get seated for the 11:00am ceremony. For safety reasons, the Police Department will curb all traffic movement at 11:00am.

Coast Guard and Navy Officer Commissioning Ceremony (9:00-9:45am)

Commencement Ceremony Line-Up (10:00-11:00am)

Commencement Ceremony (11:00am-1:00pm)

Cookie Reception on the Overlook (1:00-1:30pm)

To-Do Items for Graduates:

- Apply to Graduate with Registrar
- Register to walk in Commencement
- Check Salt & Pepper uniform (*2 inspections at Formation*)
- Register personal needs for disability access (*before 04/01*)
- Register for late stay in residence hall if remaining until Commencement (*form sent from Residence Life last week*)



Important Notes and Reminders:

- Guest tickets will be distributed at rehearsal and **only** at rehearsal
- Parking is first-come, first-served and shuttles will be running from Lot O and Lower Campus – parking near McAllister and Bodnar restricted
- Services for guests with disabilities include handicapped parking, ASL interpreters, and handicapped seating
- Only service animals are allowed – no emotional support animals or pets
- Some – not all – of the reasons you might not be allowed to walk
 - Intoxicated, not in compliance with uniform and grooming standards policy, disruptive of ceremony
- [Commencement website](#)

Questions?

Concerns?

