COMMENCEMENT & CONVOCATION CEREMONY INFORMATION FOR FAMILY

ECU Commencement (University Graduation)
Friday, May 6, 2016
9:00am-11:00am
Dowdy Ficklen Stadium (football field)

Commencement will serve as the kick-off event for graduation weekend. The program includes: keynote speaker(s), and recognition of many colleges, schools and departments. The ceremony begins with a processional at 9:00 a.m.

- Family members, friends, and guests are not required to have tickets for admission to the ECU Commencement Ceremony. There is no limit on the number of guests who can attend.

- Family members, friends, and guests of the degree candidates should enter Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium through the north stands and proceed directly to the seating areas located in the stands.

- General parking will be provided in the lots surrounding the stadium. Greenville Police and parking attendants will be directing traffic.

- Handicapped seating will be provided in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on the field and on the upper deck. Commencement staff will be on hand to assist with special seating. Requests for disability accommodation other than parking or seating should be directed to the Department for Disability Support Services (DSS) at least 48 hours prior to the event. DSS can be reached at 252-737-1016. Requests may also be e-mailed to dssdept@ecu.edu.

- East Carolina University plans appropriate security procedures to assure a safe environment for everyone at its public events. Any personal items brought to public events at East Carolina University are subject to inspection.
At BSOM Convocation, students are individually recognized on stage. Each graduate will receive his/her diploma and medical degree hood.

- Family members, friends, and guests are not required to have ticket for admission to the BSOM Convocation Ceremony. There is no limit on the number of guests who can attend.

- Family members, friends, and guests are strongly encouraged to park in the A or B lots at the Brody Building and take the charted ECU shuttle bus over to Wright Auditorium. These buses have been reserved specifically for BSOM graduates and their guests. Buses will be located in front of the Brody Building entrance. Buses will shuttle graduates and their guests starting at noon, 3:00 p.m. and will continuously make trips between Brody and Wright Auditorium until 7:30 p.m.

- Family members, friends, and guests of the graduates will be allowed to enter the lobby area ONLY at 4:00 p.m.

- At 4:30 p.m. the seating area of Wright Auditorium will open for family members, friends, and guests.

- The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. with a processional and conclude with a recessional. Family members, friends, and guests should remain seated until all Brody Faculty and the Class of 2016 Graduates have exited into the lobby area.

- Individuals requesting handicapped seating or who are in wheelchairs, are encouraged to find seating along the side aisles nearest to the exit(s). Staff and Marshals will be on hand to direct you towards the elevator (at the bookstore) and to assist with special seating. Requests for disability accommodations other than parking or seating should be directed to the Department for Disability Support Services (DSS) at least 48 hours prior to the event. DSS can be reached at 252-737-1016. Requests may also be e-mailed to dssdept@ecu.edu.

- Individuals with strollers, baby carriers, and those carrying large camera equipment are encouraged to find seating in the side aisles or in the balcony. Individuals may be asked to move if items are blocking the middle aisles.

- Voluntary compliance with responsible and mature conduct is necessary to ensure that convocation will be dignified and memorable event in the graduate’s life, and a credit to the University.
• Buses will be waiting to shuttle graduates and their guests back to the Brody School of Medicine. Shuttle service will end at 7:30 p.m.

• For a printable list of local hotels. This file is in Adobe Acrobat format.

• Campus Map