Graduate Recognition Day 2017  
Monday, May 1, 2017  
2:30 p.m.  
(Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Students must be lined up by 2:00 p.m.)

Please click on the RSVP link in your invitation to let us know if you will or will not be attending.

Tickets
Each participating student will receive 6 guest tickets.

Please do not RSVP that you are coming just to give your tickets to other students. If you RSVP your attendance, your name will be added to the lineup and a seat will be reserved for you.

If you can no longer attend after you have RSVPed, inform Chazz Williams ASAP at chw65@pitt.edu and return your tickets so that the lineup and seating can be adjusted.

Tickets will be emailed to you in April prior to Recognition Day.

- Tickets must be printed out and given to your guests to bring with them on May 1st. There are NO EXCEPTIONS! We will not accept tickets on your phone.

Do NOT duplicate these tickets as they are barcoded for tracking purposes.

Due to fire codes, NO guests over the age of 2 are permitted inside the hall without a ticket.

- Seating is on a first-come first-served basis.
- Guests 2 years old or younger must sit on the lap of a guest.
- Graduating students do not require tickets.
- Every guest must have a seat. Standing in the aisles is not permitted.
- We will NOT have a waitlist for extra tickets.

Regalia

All participating students are required to wear regalia. Regalia can be picked up at Graduation Central on April 11 & April 12 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Connolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall.

Note: The regalia order form and website are currently being updated. We will notify you by email when they are available.

Please visit Graduation Central for more information:
http://www.commencement.pitt.edu/students/prep.html

- We will not have extra regalia or components of regalia for you at Recognition Day. Please come prepared!
- Please wear sensible shoes as you must go up and down steps to the stage.
- All students should wear their tassels on the left for this ceremony.
Hooding

- Clinical doctorate degrees (Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Audiology, Clinical Science Doctorate in Medical SLP and Occupational Therapy, and Doctor of Occupational Therapy) will be hooded during this ceremony. Students should carry the hood on their left arm as they approach the stage for hooding.

- PhD doctorate degrees will NOT be hooded at Recognition Day, however, the title of your dissertations will be read. You will be hooded during the University Commencement Convocation.

Flowers

Commencement Flower Company will be inside Soldiers and Sailors Hall selling flowers. Flowers may also be pre-ordered through this link: www.commencementflowers.com/index.php/pithealth.

About Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum is a National Register of Historic Places landmark in Pittsburgh, Pa. It is the largest memorial in the United States dedicated solely to honoring all branches of military veterans and service personnel. Please visit their website for more information: http://soldiersandsailorshall.org/.

Directions [Link to Google Maps]

From PA Turnpike:
Take I-376 (west) to Oakland Exit, #3B.
Up hill on Bates St.
Left on S. Bouquet St.
Right on Forbes Ave.
Left on Bigelow Blvd.

From I-79:
Exit I-279 Pittsburgh to I-376 Oakland.
Take I-376 to Oakland Exit to Forbes Ave.
Turn left on Bigelow Blvd.

From Pittsburgh International Airport:
Follow Route 60 to I-279 Pittsburgh.
Take I-376 to Oakland Exit to Forbes Ave. Turn left on Bigelow Blvd.
Parking
Paid parking is available on the street or in the parking garage located under Soldiers & Sailors. (Click here to view Visitor Parking Brochure from University of Pittsburgh)

Accessibility
Visitors with physical disabilities may enter the hall via the ramp and accessible entrance located on the University Place side of the building (left side looking from Fifth Avenue). Parking here is limited. An Accessible Drop Off Area is also located on the University Place side of the building via the employee parking lot. Guests may be dropped off here but NO parking will be permitted in the employee parking lot.

Restrooms for visitors with physical disabilities are located on the third level, accessible via two elevators.

About the Cathedral Commons Room

Fifty-two feet (four stories) high and covering almost a half-acre, the Cathedral of Learning's Commons Room is a piece of true Gothic architecture; no steel supports were used in the construction of its arches. For more information, visit the website: http://www.tour.pitt.edu/tour/cathedral-commons-room.

Directions to Commons Room
Exit Soldiers and Sailors through the Fifth Avenue main doors. Walk down to Fifth Avenue and turn left, and proceed to the light. Cross over Fifth Avenue and walk towards the Cathedral of Learning. Signs will be posted and staff will be on hand to direct guests to entrances.