SHRS Fall Graduation Ceremony Information

Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum
4141 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(Doors open at 9:15 a.m. Students must be lined up by 9:45 a.m.)
Ceremony will be approximately 2 hours
Masks will be required

We are asking graduates to limit their guests to a maximum of 6, to allow for some spacing within the auditorium. Tickets are not required.

Information is subject to change pending COVID-19 restrictions in December.

Information can also be found on the SHRS Commencement website.
We will also be livestreaming the event on our SHRS Facebook page.

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To officially submit your RSVP to attend or NOT to attend – click on the link on your email invitation by Friday November 5th. If you can no longer attend after you have RSVPed, inform Kellie Beach ASAP at kbeach@pitt.edu so that the lineup and seating can be adjusted.
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Regalia (Cap, Gown & Hood)
All participating students are required to purchase and wear regalia for the ceremony.

Regalia can be purchased through the University Store on Fifth using this link: https://pittsburgh.shopoakhalli.com/purchasewizard/Welcome - You must order by November 12th!!!

• ONLY doctoral students (including PhDs) will be hooded on stage.
• All students should wear their tassels on the right side of their mortarboard.
• We will not have extra regalia or components of regalia for you at the ceremony. Please come prepared!
• Please wear sensible shoes as you must go up and down steps to the stage.

More information regarding regalia (including pricing, recycling and a video on how to properly wear your regalia) can be found at this link: University Store - Regalia and Graduation Information

If you have any questions regarding regalia, please visit or contact the University store

Honors Cords for Undergrads
Undergraduate Honors Cords will be given to you by your Department Administrator either at or prior to the ceremony.

To receive Honors, one must have completed 60 letter graded credits of coursework from Pitt and have a 3.250 or higher cumulative GPA.

• This will be based on your cumulative GPA prior to the fall 2021 term.
**Bachelor of Philosophy candidates** will have the title of their theses read and will be recognized as a separate group during the ceremony.

**Hooding for Graduate students**
Clinical doctorate degrees (Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Audiology, Clinical Science Doctorate in SLP and Occupational Therapy, and Doctor of Occupational Therapy) will be hooded on stage by their department.

PhD doctorate recipients will be hooded on stage by their committee chair and the title of their dissertation will be read.

Students should carry the hood on their left arm as they approach the stage for hooding.

**OIS Fact Sheet about inviting friends / relatives to the U.S.:**
https://www.ois.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/docs/InvitingFriendsand Relatives.pdf

If you have any additional questions, you can reach out directly to the OIS office: Office of International Services | Office of International Services (pitt.edu)
Email: OIS@pitt.edu / Phone: +1-412-624-7120

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

**Parking and Guest Accessibility**
Paid parking is available on the street or in the parking garage located under Soldiers and Sailors. Please note there is no physical connection or elevator from or between the garage and the Hall. You must walk outside the garage to enter the Hall.

- Soldiers and Sailors Parking Garage hours are 8 a.m. to midnight. It is located at 4390 Bigelow Blvd.
- It’s a $5 flat fee to park there for the day. (Note: Pitt does not accept American Express credit cards.)
- All vehicles must enter on the Bigelow Boulevard side entrance (the University Place side is lease only).
- Guests with disabilities (wheelchair or limited walking) may park on the top (first floor) of the garage. Please specify this to the attendant when entering.
- Guests with disabilities may also be dropped off at the Soldiers and Sailors outdoor parking lot located at the corner of O’Hara Street and University Drive. There is a wheelchair ramp in the lot that enters directly into the building. This lot is only for drop off. NO parking is permitted in the outdoor Soldiers and Sailors parking lot.
For other parking garages, [Click here to view Visitor Parking Brochure from University of Pittsburgh](#)

**Accessibility inside the Auditorium**

Once inside the Auditorium there is a **back row for wheelchairs**, and we will reserve the row in front of the wheelchair row for others to sit with them. Please note this in your RSVP.

Accessible restrooms are located on the third level, accessible via two elevators.

**Photographer**

GRADIMAGES will be taking individual photos of students as they walk across the stage. When the proofs are available online to purchase, the students will receive an email from GRADIMAGES to their Pitt email. Graduates will be able to look at their photos, the packages offered and pricing. More information will be provided in the email that you receive after the ceremony.

**Flowers**

The Commencement Flower Company will be at Soldiers and Sailors selling flowers in the lobby. Flowers may also be pre-ordered through this link: [https://www.thecommencementgroup.com/pitthealth/](https://www.thecommencementgroup.com/pitthealth/)

**Have questions?**

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We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you!