

# SHRS Spring Graduate Ceremony Information

**Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 9:30 am.**

[Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum](#)

4141 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**(Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Students must be lined up by 9:15 a.m.)**

Ceremony will last approximately 2 hours.

**Masks will be required**

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

Information can also be found on the [SHRS Commencement website](#).

We will 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 Wednesday, March 23.**

**If you RSVP to attend, your name will be added to the student lineup procession and a seat will be reserved for you.**

**VERY IMPORTANT: If you can no longer attend after you have RSVPed, inform Kellie Beach ASAP at [kbeach@pitt.edu](mailto:kbeach@pitt.edu) so that the lineup and seating can be adjusted.**

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## Maximum Number of Guests Per Student

**Each participating student may bring up to 7 guests.** We will not be requiring tickets.

**For planning purposes, within your RSVP, you will be asked to indicate the number of guests you intend to bring.**

- Guests under 2 years of age will be permitted to sit on someone's lap and do not have to be included in your guest count.
- Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - Seating and parking accessibility information is listed below under [Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall](#).
  - **Please note any seating accessibility needs in your RSVP.**
- Standing in the aisles is not permitted due to the building fire codes.

## OIS Fact Sheet about inviting friends / relatives to the U.S.:

<https://www.ois.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/docs/InvitingFriendsandRelatives.pdf>

If you have any additional questions, you can reach out directly to OIS:

[Office of International Services | Office of International Services \(pitt.edu\)](#)

Email: [OIS@pitt.edu](mailto:OIS@pitt.edu) / Phone: +1-412-624-7120

## **Regalia (Cap, Gown & Hood)**

All participating students are required to purchase and wear regalia for the ceremony. We encourage you to **PRE-ORDER your regalia**, then pick it up at Graduation Central on April 12 and 13 at the [University Store on Fifth!!!](#) You must pre-order your regalia **by March 30**. The pre-order link will be closed after the 30<sup>th</sup>. If you miss the pre-order deadline you can purchase it at Graduation Central, but that is not preferred!

- **Please click [HERE](#) to preorder and pick up at Graduation Central (University Store) on April 12 and 13 .** After April 13, please call, email, or stop by the University Store on Fifth to pick up your regalia. 412-648-1455, [theuniversitystore@pitt.edu](mailto:theuniversitystore@pitt.edu). Attached to the invite email is a listing of all SHRS Hood colors by degree for your reference.
- The bookstore encourages you to pre-order and pick up, but you can also have it shipped to your home. Please click [HERE](#) to order and have it shipped.

After graduation, if you decide you don't want to keep your cap and gown, you can **recycle your regalia at any of the University Stores, April 30 through May 31** – just look for the regalia recycling collection bins. Caps and gowns collected through the program are recycled into rugs and animal bedding.

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](#)**

### **Other information regarding regalia and attire:**

- 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.

### **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 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.

## 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:

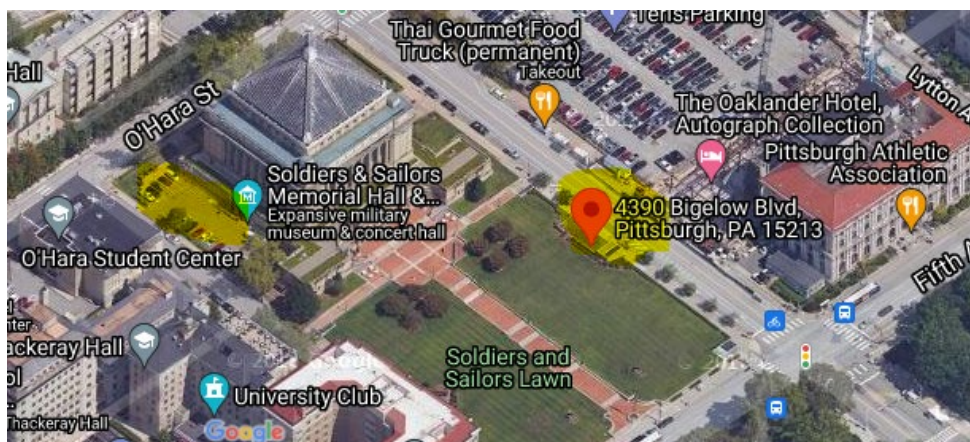
<http://soldiersandsailorshall.org/>.

### 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. Once proofs are available online to purchase, 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.

Students will be allowed to lower their masks walking across the stage and for a picture taken off the stage by Grad Images.

## **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.thecommcementgroup.com/pitthealth/>

### **Have questions?**

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We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you!