Commencement FAQ

Will the ‘individualized’ ceremonies be livestreamed?
- Yes, we will have livestream links available to share based on your school and timeslot.

What is the difference between livestreaming the ceremony and the virtual ceremony?
- We are hopeful to create the best experience possible for all graduates and their friends and families that may be unable to attend. Therefore, a virtual ceremony will be broadcasted on an interactive social platform for all to watch programming of our traditional commencement, including the keynote speaker. This will be scheduled to air on respected graduation date.
- The individualized ceremonies will be livestreamed, so all guests of participating student can watch their student cross stage to receive their diploma, hood, and any award(s) or recognition they would have been otherwise honored for.

Will there still be a photographer at the ceremony?
- Yes, a photographer will be capturing images at center stage when students receive their diploma and also as they exit stage, there will be an opportunity to have a group photo taken with their guests.

Will there be an awards dinner, brumcheon/luncheon, or hooding ceremony? If not, how will we be recognized?
- With the assumptions that large gatherings will not be permitted by the end of May, we will include all recognition for students at the time they cross stage. (ie. they will get hooded, receive their diploma, receive awards, and military recognition (if applicable).

Will there be a military oath available for those students who are military members?
- Military students will be recognized at the time they cross stage. Unfortunately, no oath will be provided at the in-person ceremony.

Can we get access to Commencement regalia outside of the ceremony to take pictures with our family and friends groups?
- Yes, we are hoping to have all rental regalia for students to pick-up by the first week of May. You can plan to keep your regalia up to your graduation date. This will allow you to plan any photo opportunities in advance of the graduation. Regalia will need to be returned prior to departing the arena, if participating in ceremony. If not participating, return would need to be returned in advance.
Can we watch our fellow classmates cross stage if scheduled around the same time as them?
  - Unfortunately, due to limited group numbers, all students must exit the building after they cross stage and are unable to remain in building.

When can we expect to know the exact number of guests that we can bring to the ceremony and what day/time our ceremony will be?
  - At this time, we are hopeful to allow each student 4 guests, including your hooder.
  - There are multiple ways we can achieve this and will handle them on a case by case basis. However, if attending collectively, your total group count cannot exceed more than 5 people (ie 2 students and 3 guests).

Can the individualized ceremonies take place in other venues?
  - Our current plan is to keep all graduations in their current destinations
    - Central Wisconsin: SentryWorld
    - Green Bay: SNC – Walter Theatre
    - Milwaukee: UWM Panther Arena