Pasco-Hernando State College Morning Commencement

The following procedural information pertains to Pasco-Hernando State College’s morning graduation ceremony.

1. To facilitate robing and the lineup of candidates for the processional, all graduation candidates are expected to report to the West Campus “R” Building by 9:30 a.m. PHSC Provosts will begin lining up graduates in the “R” building across from the Physical Fitness Center (Gymnasium) at 10:00 a.m. Please be ready at that time so you can be in your appropriate place in line.

2. Dr. Stanley Giannet, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Faculty Development and College Provost will address the graduates immediately prior to the processional.

3. Name cards: When you arrive and check in at “R” Building, you will be given a name card to fill out. Hold onto the name card. You will give your name card to the academic dean who will announce your name as you walk across the stage to receive your diploma.

4. Tassels: Place your tassel on the right side of your mortarboard (cap).

5. Men: Please remove your mortarboard (cap) when the men on stage remove theirs.

6. Processional: You will be led by the PHSC commencement marshals (senior faculty with marshal batons) to your designated seat in the Physical Fitness Center. Please follow the marshal’s directions.

7. Standing during the processional: Once you have reached your seat, please remain standing in front of your seat, turn and face the aisle you entered as a gesture of respect to the District Board of Trustee Members, President, faculty, staff and administrators as they enter.

8. During the ceremony, Dr. Stanley Giannet, will say, “Will the candidates please rise…” He will then ask the faculty marshals to escort the graduates to the platform. You may then be seated until your row is called.

9. Move tassels: After Dr. Timothy Beard, President has conferred the certificate, diploma or degree on all students, he will say, “You may now turn your tassel.” Please be seated after turning your tassel.

10. When students are called to receive their certificate, diploma or degree, the marshals will inform each row to stand at one time. Please follow the direction of the marshals for proceeding on stage.

11. Returning to your seat: Please be seated when you return to your row. The next row will then be instructed to stand and will proceed to the stage, following the direction of the marshals.

12. You will receive your diploma/certificate approximately six weeks after graduation. Be certain the College has your correct mailing address. If not, please update this important information on WISE at www.phsc.edu. Once in WISE, click “user profile” to change any data.

To accommodate guests unable to attend, the commencement ceremony also will be broadcast live by streaming video at: http://phsc.edu.live.
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Commencement Ceremony Etiquette

Pasco-Hernando State College’s commencement ceremony is a meaningful and memorable occasion designed to honor the accomplishment of the entire graduating class. To ensure that the ceremony is formal and respectful, graduates and guests are asked to follow commencement protocol. Please review the following commencement etiquette in advance of the ceremony.

- **Graduates and guests should dress appropriately for this time honored tradition.** Jeans, shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, flip flops and sneakers detract from the occasion.

- **Please keep all personal effects (i.e. purses) with you at all times.** Check-in staff are not able to watch graduates’ personal belongings during the ceremony.

- Excessive noise obstructs the announcement of the graduates’ names, ruining the moment and slowing the ceremony. **No air horns, yelling, catcalls, or whistling will be allowed.**

- **The ceremony cannot begin until all guests are seated.** For safety reasons, unseated guests will be asked to clear the aisles until the commencement party has been seated.

- Children who cry, can’t remain seated quietly, or otherwise cause a disturbance, disrupt the ceremony. **Noisy or unruly children will be asked to wait outside with accompanying guests.**

- **Remain seated during the ceremony.** Family members and friends of all graduates deserve to enjoy the ceremony without straining to see.

- **Please stay seated until all graduates have exited the gymnasium.** Guests leaving beforehand unceremoniously trap graduates in the crowd, preventing them from participating in the departing processional with classmates.

By following these rules of etiquette and sharing them with your guests, commencement will be a pleasant and memorable experience for everyone. Congratulations! We look forward to seeing you at commencement.
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