

GRADUATION 2016

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• GRADUATION DRESS CODE FOR FEMALE STUDENTS:

- Dark shoes (if heels or sandals, they should have a strap and no sequins or other embellishments), small jewelry, and a dress or black/navy dress pants (no capris or shorts). NOTE—if you're wearing a dress, it should be shorter than the graduation gown, and because it can be seen in the split of the gown, it should be a color and/or pattern that doesn't clash with the purple gown. For your safety, avoid wearing spike heels and **NO flip flops, house shoes, slippers, or cowboy boots will be permitted.**
- Also, ladies should wear small, modest jewelry if they choose to wear any. Hoop earrings and clunky bracelets and necklaces are not acceptable.
- Caps **MUST** be level when the student is holding up her head. They cannot be perched on the back of the head or angled to the side. Bobby pins are suggested to hold it in place.

• GRADUATION DRESS CODE FOR MALE STUDENTS:

- Dark shoes and socks, black or navy dress pants, dark tie with a white collared shirt. **Athletic shoes of any kind or work boots are not acceptable.**
- Caps **MUST** be level when the student is holding up his head. They cannot be perched on the back of the head or angled to the side. Bobby pins are suggested to hold it in place.

ONLY those in proper attire will be allowed to participate in the ceremony. **There should be NO ornamentation (other than honor cords/stoles provided by the school) added to the cap and gown. This includes embroidery, glitter, or anything else that personalizes the cap and/or gown.**

GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The graduation ceremony will be at Georgia College and State University at the Centennial Center on May 26 at 6:00 pm.
 - Directions for the Centennial Center:
<http://www.qcsubobcats.com/information/DirectionsCentCtr>
- PARENTS will enter through the MAIN entrance (upper level of the Centennial Center).
- GRADUATES will gather for graduation in the assigned hallways at the Centennial Center. They will enter by the hallway doors downstairs, not the main entrance. **GRADUATES need to be there by 5:15PM.** They do not need to be wandering around the auditorium. We may need to go over a few things immediately before graduation.
 - **EVERY guest, no matter how young, must have a ticket in order to enter the Centennial Center. This includes babies held by adults.** Tickets will be distributed at practice.
- The Centennial Center does not allow air horns, balloons, or silly string to be brought into their facility. These items will be confiscated by the Centennial Center and the owner may be asked to

leave the program.

- To maintain the dignity of the ceremony, parents and guests are asked to please remain in their seats throughout the commencement ceremony and during the recessional. Guests should not walk down the aisle to take photographs. Doing so is distracting and blocks others' view.
- Female graduates should **NOT** bring purses as we have nowhere to store them at the ceremony.

PRACTICE REMINDERS:

• STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL OF PRACTICE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION EXERCISES ON Friday.

- You need to be standing outside the Fine Arts auditorium door by 8:30 am on Wednesday, May 25. We will begin practice in the auditorium and leave there around 9:00 to go to Milledgeville. You **MUST** ride the bus! Hopefully, we will return around 12:00, but that will depend on how attentive the class is. You **may not leave** practice early for any reason, if you expect to march on Friday night. Do not obligate yourself to work or anything else on that day.
- Senior Fees are \$30.00.
- Make sure that all fines, fees, etc. are paid by 3:30 on Friday, May 13.
 - If you have not paid a fine/fee, you will **NOT** be included in the graduation list. **You cannot come to school the day of practice to pay a fine/fee and expect to march in graduation.** Fine Lists are posted on the information centers, next to the counselor's door, and on the bulletin board located outside of the library. Make sure that you turn in all of your books. **No checks will be accepted after May 1st.**
- Dress comfortably, but remember that the school dress code is still in effect.
- Don't bring gum, food, mp3 players, etc. to practice. Do not use cell phones at practice.
- BE ATTENTIVE and FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS! The sooner you get it right, the sooner we can leave.
- Gentlemen, you **MUST** bring your caps so that you can practice taking them off and putting them back on. **Please write your names in your caps.**
- You will get more detailed instructions about the ceremony at the practice.
- **You will also receive your tickets for your guests at the practice.**