



FALL COMMENCEMENT 2018



THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE



CONGRATULATIONS!

The University of Alabama in Huntsville is excited to honor our graduating students with a memorable commencement ceremony. You and your guests are cordially invited to join us on **Thursday, December 6, 2018** at either **the 10:00 a.m. ceremony or the 2:30 p.m. ceremony**, at the Von Braun Center in the Propst Arena for this important event!

LIVE STREAMING VIDEO OF THE CEREMONY

Join us online! A live streaming video of each ceremony will be broadcast from the Von Braun Center. Access the video via UAH.EDU on **December 6, 2018** at **10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.!**



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COMMENCEMENT MARSHALL



Dear Almost Alumni,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), I would like to extend my congratulations as you reach this significant milestone not only in your academic career, but also in your life. We share in your joy and are proud of what you have accomplished during your time here.

When you first arrived on campus at UAH your perspective was shaped by your family, your high school and your childhood friends. Your past provided the lens for you to view your future here at UAH, and shaped your dreams and goals. Now as a member of the Class of 2018, we hope that the knowledge and inspiration you have received from classes, classmates, professors and the organizations and activities

in which you have been involved at UAH will frame your future for years to come. Through classes, late night study sessions, trips, activities, research projects and other endeavors you have formed some lifelong friendships and sculpted an identity that has prepared you to lead and serve humanity.

We recognize your journey has been long and difficult, and we are excited to honor you with a meaningful commencement ceremony to help transition you to the next phase of your life. You have earned the title "alumni" as you join others who have graduated from UAH that went on to excel in their chosen professions or academia. We expect great things from our graduates, but I am confident the Class of 2018 will surpass all of those expectations. We take great pride in you and hope that you carry the UAH name with distinction to share your experience and the lessons you learned at this university with the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Wren". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Brent Wren
Associate Provost for
Undergraduate Studies

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



JAN DAVIS, PH.D., P.E. *Retired Acting Administrator*

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

After growing up in Huntsville, Alabama, Dr. Jan Davis graduated from Georgia Tech with a BS Applied Biology in Biomechanics and from Auburn University with a BSME. She also earned MS and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from UAH.

Dr. Davis began her National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) career at Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) as an aerospace engineer. After supporting major NASA programs and projects, including the Hubble Space Telescope and the Chandra X-ray Observatory, she became a team lead and lead engineer for the redesign of the Space

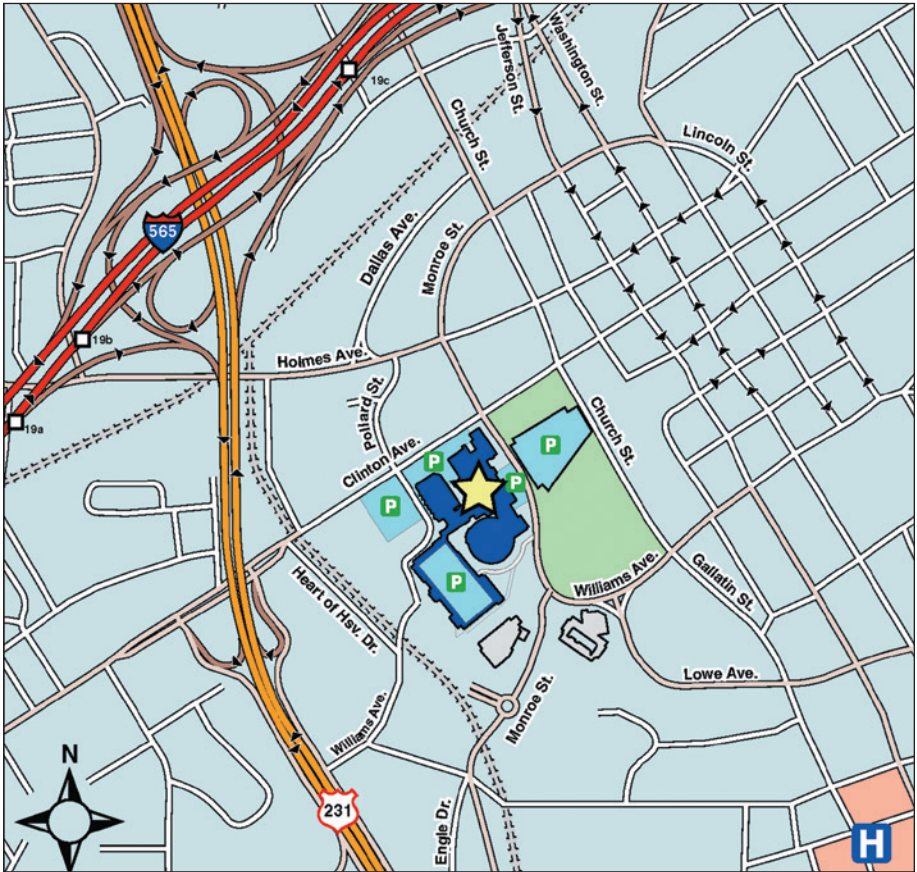
Shuttle Solid Rocket Booster External Tank attach ring after the Challenger accident. In 1987, Dr. Davis was selected to join the Astronaut corps at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. She spent more than 670 hours in space as a mission specialist over the course of her three Space Shuttle flights: STS-47 (1992), STS-60 (1994), and STS-85 (1997). During these flights, she orbited the Earth 325 times. In 1998, she became the Director of the Human Exploration and Development of Space Independent Assurance Office for NASA Headquarters. Dr. Davis returned to MSFC and served as the Director of the Flight Projects Directorate at the Marshall Center until August 2003. Prior to retiring from NASA in 2005, Dr. Davis was the Director of Safety and Mission Assurance at MSFC leading up to the successful Return to Flight of the Space Shuttle in 2005.

She is currently the Program Manager for the Bastion Technologies, Inc. contract for Safety and Mission Assurance at the NASA MSFC in Huntsville, Alabama. Prior to that, she was Vice President and Deputy General Manager for Jacobs' engineering, scientific, and technical support contract at MSFC.

COMMENCEMENT LOCATION

PARKING

The University of Alabama in Huntsville commencement ceremony will be held in downtown Huntsville at the **Von Braun Center in Propst Arena** on **Thursday, December 6.**



INSIDE THE VON BRAUN CENTER

North Hall Parking Lot (P1), Cost \$10

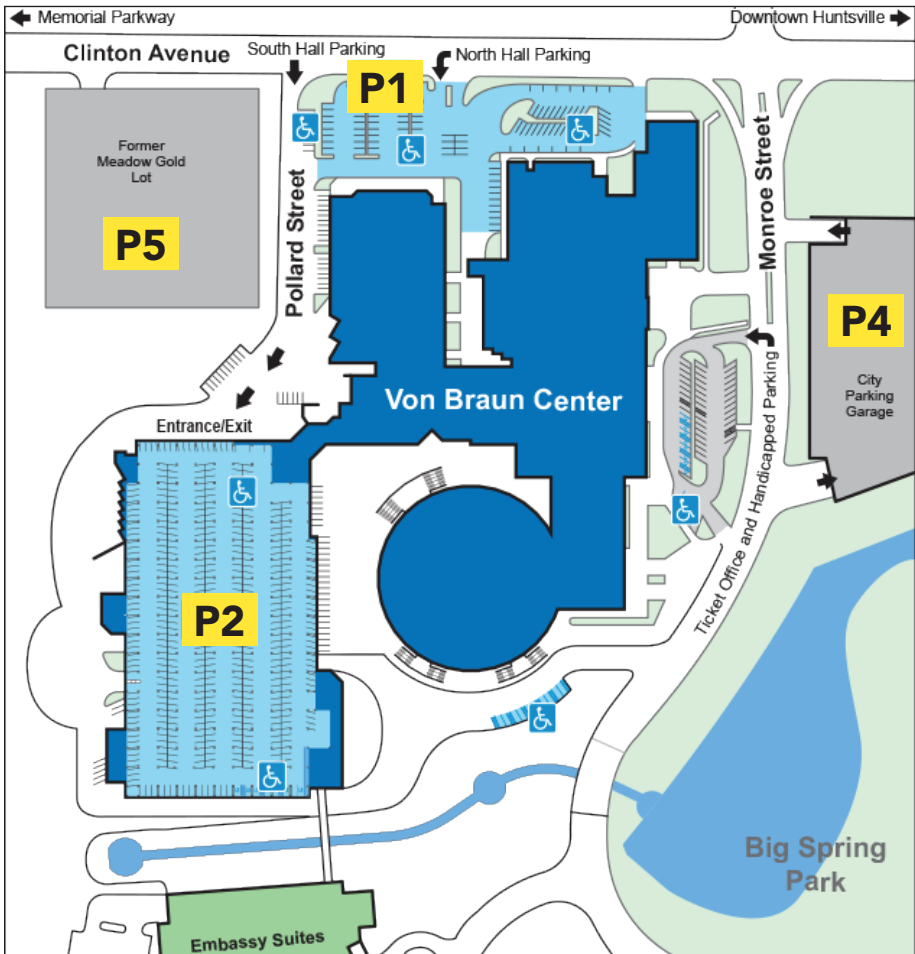
Access to the North Hall parking lot is from Clinton Avenue.

South Hall Parking Garage (P2), Cost \$10

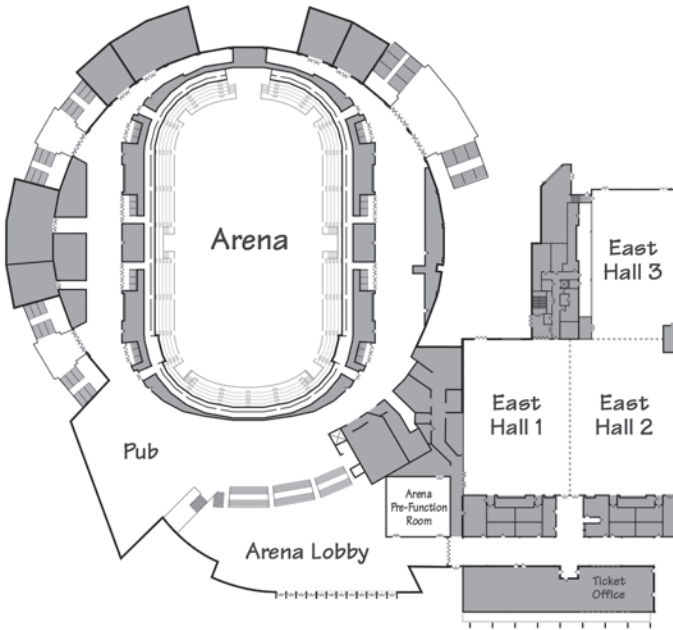
From Clinton Avenue, turn onto Pollard Street and follow the signs.

City of Huntsville Lot

- ▶ Former Meadow Gold Lot (P5), Cost \$5
- ▶ City Parking Garage (P4), Cost \$5

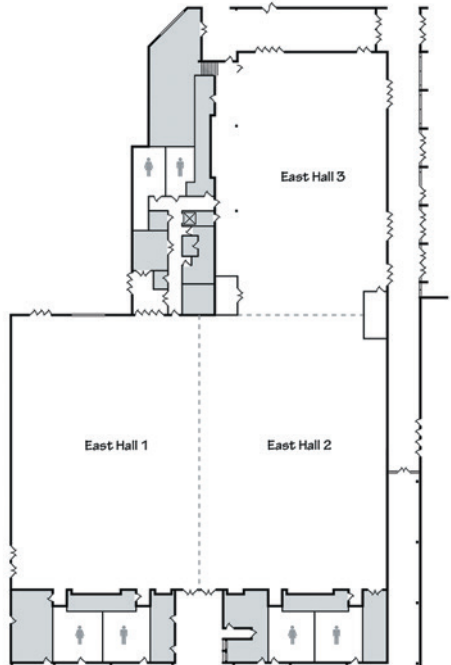


INSIDE THE VON BRAUN CENTER



HELPFUL TIP

A detailed view of the Arena layout is shown on page 18.



GUEST SEARCHES

All patrons entering the Propst Arena or Mark C. Smith Concert Hall during an event are subject to screening, which varies from event-to-event. Screenings range from visual inspection and bag search to screenings by a magnetometer (metal detector) and/or pat-down search conducted by security personnel. The purpose of the inspection is to detect prohibited items.

Doors typically open one hour before show time. Please arrive as close to that hour as you can. If you cannot make it to the venue before 30 minutes prior to show, expect a possible delay. We have increased our typical staffing level for events to get each and every person into the building in time for the show. However, we cannot guarantee that will happen if the majority of the crowd arrives at the venue for entry close to show time.

To help everyone have a positive experience when coming to an event, we ask that you do the following:

- ▶ Bring only essential items needed for the event you are attending.
- ▶ Leave ALL weapons at home. Weapons may include firearms, pocketknives, pepper spray, stun gun/Taser, and wallet chains.
- ▶ No detachable lens cameras, iPad/smart pad or selfie-sticks will be permitted.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED

The following items are not permitted in the Propst Arena or Mark C. Smith Concert Hall:

- ▶ Backpacks
- ▶ Bags/purses larger than 14" x 14" x 6"
- ▶ Bottles or cans
- ▶ Aerosol cans
- ▶ Food and drink purchased outside of the Von Braun Center
- ▶ Coolers
- ▶ Chains over 6" in length
- ▶ Laser pointers
- ▶ Frisbees and/or beach balls
- ▶ Jewelry or belts of any kind containing spikes or studs
- ▶ Large umbrellas
- ▶ Suitcases
- ▶ Any noise making devices, specifically air horns with sirens or whistles
- ▶ Fireworks
- ▶ Selfie sticks
- ▶ GoPro cameras
- ▶ Illegal drugs or alcohol
- ▶ Weapons or dangerous devices of any kind
- ▶ Professional recording devices
- ▶ Poles or sticks (including signs attached to poles)

The Von Braun Center is committed to creating a safe, comfortable and enjoyable experience for all guests. All guests shall remain respectful and courteous to their fellow patrons and to comply with requests from VBC staff regarding policies, emergency response procedures and behavior which impacts the event experience of fellow spectators. The Von Braun Center values the support of all guests and reserves the right to eject any guest for any reason, including not treating other guests attending the event with dignity and respect.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 A.M. CEREMONY

TIME	ACTION ITEM	LOCATION
8:30 a.m.	Check in for students	East Hall 3
8:30 a.m.	Doors open for guests	Propst Arena
10:00 a.m.	Ceremony begins	Propst Arena



2:30 P.M. CEREMONY

TIME	ACTION ITEM	LOCATION
1:00 p.m.	Check in for students	East Hall 3
1:00 p.m.	Doors open for guests	Propst Arena
2:30 p.m.	Ceremony begins	Propst Arena

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY

1. Complete the “Reserve Your Seat” questionnaire and submit your special comment, if so desired. The extended deadline is **October 24, 2018**.
2. Purchase academic regalia from the UAH Bookstore. Don’t forget to remove the regalia from the packaging and let hang so that wrinkles are removed prior to ceremony. Last day to purchase is **December 5, 2018**. The UAH Bookstore may be contacted at 256.824.6604.
3. Order graduation announcements from Balfour by calling 1.888.225.3687, emailing CollegeGrad@balfour.com, or visiting balfour.com.
4. Are you a member of an honor society? Contact Society Faculty Advisor about purchasing Honor Society cords for ceremony. Honor Society honor cords must be purchased prior to the ceremony (approved list on pg. 16-17).
5. If you feel you will be unable to walk or stand for an extended period during the processional march, please contact the Disability Services Office, 256.824.1997, prior to **December 5, 2018**. In addition, you will need to alert the officials on site of your need for assistance.

HELPFUL TIPS

Tickets are NOT required for the commencement ceremony. Guest seating at the VBC is first come first serve. Please do not save seats.

DAY OF THE CEREMONY

1. The VBC has plenty of parking in designated areas for a fee. For more info, directions and parking information, see page 7 or vonbrauncenter.com/directions
2. Arrive at the East Hall 3, for student line-up at least 1.5 hours early.
 - ▶ **10:00 a.m. Ceremony**
Please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m.
 - ▶ **2:30 p.m. Ceremony**
Please arrive no later than 1:00 p.m. (Notice: Downtown activities may impede traffic, so please arrive 15-20 minutes before doors open.)
3. Don’t forget your regalia.
 - ▶ Women are advised to wear low-heeled or medium-heeled shoes for comfort and safety.
 - ▶ It is further advised that footwear and trousers be dark to complement the academic regalia. White or light colored shirts are also suggested.
 - ▶ The “ice rink” of the arena floor will be covered for this non-ice event, so please dress accordingly. **(December ceremonies only)**
4. Please give personal items, i.e. phone, purse, coat, etc., to your family prior to entering the student robing area or lock them securely in your vehicle.

All purses and bags will be searched prior to check-in. To see complete list of prohibited items, see page 10.

The student robing area is not secured during the ceremony. If you must keep electronic devices with you, please silence them, so as to not disturb the ceremony.

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE ACTUAL CEREMONY

1. When you arrive at the student robing area, you will be given a card with your name, marching order number, degree and honor information – **DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD!** This card is your ticket to process across the stage. Also, please do not bend the card. It has been coded with your information (name, etc.), so when you process across the stage all information will appear on the overhead screens. If your card has honors listed (summa, magna, cum laude), you will also be given a University Honor Cord.
2. You will be instructed to “find your college line.” There will be staff on hand to assist you in finding the right college line for the processional.
3. You will process to the arena in alphabetical order within each college/degree area.
4. As you march in the processional, keep your place in line as assigned by the Commencement staff.
5. When you have reached your appropriate seat, **REMAIN STANDING** until the entire processional party is in and the invocation is concluded.
6. Caps (Mortarboards and Tams) are to be worn at all times, with the exception that men will remove their caps during the national anthem and invocation. Dr. Wren (Commencement Marshall) will announce the national anthem and introduce the minister. He will then remove his cap as a signal to you (“gentlemen, please remove your caps”). Please remain standing, men with caps removed, until the invocation is concluded and then be seated and replace caps.
7. You will stand next when directed to do so by Provost Curtis, who will recommend that degrees be conferred. President Altenkirch will verbally confer your degree. When President Altenkirch finishes his statement, you should change your tassel from the right to the left (undergraduate students only), which indicates your degree has been conferred. Then be seated.
8. Follow the instructions of the floor staff. The direction of the procession will be from both sides of the stage.
9. Two colleges will process to the stage simultaneously. Remain in the correct marching order, remember to bring your “Card” to the stage and follow any instructions given to you by staff.
10. All students will exit the stage by the center stairs.
11. After exiting the stage, follow directions to the photography area before returning to your seat. Each student will have a “posed photograph” taken once the degree has been conferred and he/she has processed across the stage.
12. Return to your seat and celebrate with other candidates as they process across the stage.

GUEST INSTRUCTIONS

DAY OF THE CEREMONY

1. Guests should be directed to the Propst Arena; doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. ceremony and 1:00 p.m. for the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.
2. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance. The Von Braun Center is ADA compliant. As new standards are introduced, VBC has implemented those changes or upgrades in a timely manner. However, due to a limited number of compliant seats in the arena, guests who are mobility impaired may not be able to sit with more than one or two family members in the designated ADA sections. Additional ADA seating will be available on the floor as well.
3. Photography: The Commencement Committee has arranged to have GradImages at the ceremony to take high quality photographs of each candidate as they receive his/her diploma. Members of the audience are asked not to stand at the rail to take pictures since it may obscure the view of others.
4. To maintain the dignity and decorum of the Commencement ceremony, we ask that everyone remain through the entire ceremony.
5. Do you need information about the City of Huntsville? Contact the Dean of Student's Office at 256.824.6700 or Charger Union, Room 223, on the UAH campus for tourism packets.

The logo for GradImages, featuring the word "GRAD" in a serif font, a stylized camera lens icon, and the word "IMAGES" in a sans-serif font.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The Commencement Committee has arranged to have GradImages at the ceremony to take high-quality photographs of each candidate as he/she receives the diploma. Proofs will be sent to you within seven days after Commencement. There is no obligation to purchase the finished prints. Ordered prints will be delivered within thirty days of the deadline printed on order card. GradImages is the only photographer authorized by UAH to send photographs to the graduates.

www.gradimages.com/Preregistration



FLOWERS AND CLASS T-SHIRT

Make this special occasion memorable by pre-ordering flowers and a class T-shirt for your graduate. Commencement Flowers will be at the ceremony for you to pick-up orders or purchase flowers. For more information, please visit their website at commencementflowers.com/index.php/alabamahuntsville.

HONORS

UNIVERSITY HONOR CORDS

For those undergraduates who are eligible, gold cords have been purchased by the University and will be available at the Von Braun Center during the robing process.

Notice: Honors indicated in the program are based on grades for semesters completed prior to the last semester. Actual honors for all completed work will be subsequently calculated and will appear on the official transcript and diploma.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate students should not wear honor cords. The hood adorned with the college colors represents their academic accomplishments recognized by the university.

Graduation honors are not bestowed upon students receiving Masters or Doctoral degrees; therefore graduate degree recipients do not receive or wear honor cords.

UNDERGRADUATES

Graduation with honors at the baccalaureate level requires a minimum of 60 semester hours at UAH. Honors will be determined by the grade-point average for the last 60 semester hours of coursework taken at UAH or the overall GPA for all coursework taken at UAH, whichever is higher. The academic terms containing the last 60 hours of coursework taken at UAH will be identified, and the GPA of all UAH courses taken during those terms to satisfy graduation requirements will be computed and the honors will be determined as follows:

- ▶ If the GPA computed as above is 3.90 or above, the student graduates summa cum laude.
- ▶ If the GPA computed as above is 3.70 or above (but below 3.90), the student graduates magna cum laude.
- ▶ If the GPA computed as above is 3.40 or above (but below 3.70), the student graduates cum laude.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

To receive updates before the event and to share selfies during the event!



facebook.com/UAHregistrar



[#UAHgrad18](https://twitter.com/UAHgrad18)

HONOR SOCIETIES



TO PURCHASE HONOR CORDS, STOLES, AND MEDALLIONS, CONTACT THE ADVISOR LISTED.

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Summa, Magna, and Cum Laude	Gold Cords (distributed at ceremony)	Janet Waller
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ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology)	Teal cord	Kyle Knight
Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre)	Light blue and gold braided cords	David Harwell
Kappa Pi (Art)	Purple and gold cords	David Stewart
Lambda Pi Eta (Communication Arts)	Red and white cords	Eletra Gilchrist
Phi Alpha Theta (History)	Madonna red and blue with multi-colored tassel at each end	Nicole Pacino
Phi Sigma Iota (Foreign Languages)	Purple and gold cords	Linda Maier
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy)	White and Purple cords	Nick Jones
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)	Medallions red ribbons	Anne Marie Choup
Psi Chi (Psychology)	Dark blue/light blue cords	Dianhan Zheng
Sigma Tau Delta (English)	Red and black braided cords, 2" medallion attached to red ribbon	Chad Thomas

BUSINESS

Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting/Finance)	Red and black cords, pins	Hank Alewine
Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)	Blue and gold cords with tassels, stoles, and medallion	Chris Allport
Society of Human Resource Management (Management)	Navy blue, light blue, and white cords	Ivey MacKenzie
DECA	Blue and white cords	Liwu Hsu

EDUCATION

Kappa Delta Pi (Education)	Teal green and purple cords	Wolfram Verlaan
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HONOR SOCIETIES

ENGINEERING		
Alpha Pi Mu (Industrial and Systems Engineering)	White satin and gold stole	Bryan Mesmer
Eta Kappa Nu (Electrical Engineering)	Gold braided cord with royal blue and scarlet tassels	Aleksandar Milenkovich
Omega Chi Epsilon (Chemical Engineering)	White satin collar (officers) / Maroon and white cord/rope (members)	Jeffrey Weimer
Pi Tau Sigma (Mechanical Engineering)	Teal and burgundy cords <i>(see national website)</i>	Nicholas Lynn
Sigma Gamma Tau (Aerospace Engineering)	Stole with red shoulders and white satin tips	Chang Kwon Kang
Tau Beta Pi (Mechanical Engineering)	White satin collar embroidered with bent in orange	Sampson Gholston
NURSING		
Sigma Theta Tau	Purple and white cords	Anne Dillard Jennifer Palmer
SCIENCE		
Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics)	Green and ivory tassels and cords	Max Bonamente
UNIVERSITY HONOR SOCIETIES		
Alpha Epsilon Delta	Purple and pink cords	Brooke Sheetz
Alpha Lambda Delta	Gold, red and white cords, medallions and/or stoles	Joseph Taylor Joseph Conway
Omicron Delta Kappa	White, black and blue twisted cords	Rita Ferguson
Phi Kappa Phi	Blue and gold cords with fringed tassels	Ivey Mackenzie
Sigma Xi-Scientific Research Society	Blue and white cords with tassels	Debra Moriarity
Nat'l Society of Leadership & Success	Platinum and black cords	George Watt
Delta Epsilon Iota	Blue and gold cords with tassels	Candace Phillips
GREEK HONOR SOCIETY		
Order of Omega	Gold and white cording	Brittany Watts
STUDENT LIFE		
	Blue and white stole	Jenny Russell-Clifton
U.S. ARMED FORCES VETERANS		
	Red, White and Blue braided cords	Brittany Howard

CEREMONY FLOOR PLAN / 10:00 A.M.



- 1. Faculty
- 2. Faculty
- 3. **Doctoral and Masters:** Science Ph.D.; Interdisciplinary Ph.D.; College of Science
- 4. **Doctoral and Masters:** Engineering Ph.D.; College of Engineering
- 5. **Bachelors:** College of Science
- 6. **Bachelors:** College of Engineering

FLOOR PLAN IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ATTENDEE RESPONSES.

CEREMONY FLOOR PLAN / 2:30 P.M.



- 1. Faculty
- 2. Faculty
- 3. **Doctoral and Masters:** Nursing DNP; Colleges of Education and Nursing
- 4. **Masters:** Colleges of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences and Business
- 5. **Bachelors:** Colleges of Education and Nursing
- 6. **Bachelors:** Colleges of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences; Business and Professional Studies

FLOOR PLAN IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ATTENDEE RESPONSES.

ABOUT YOUR DIPLOMA

WHEN DO I GET MY DIPLOMA?

Diplomas are ordered after all degrees have been awarded. Degrees are awarded once all grades have been turned into the Office of the Registrar. Please note it takes approximately 7 weeks to receive your diploma. An email will be sent to the student's UAH account once the diplomas have been ordered and then again after they have been mailed.

Diplomas will be sent via U.S. mail, so please make sure that your permanent mailing address is updated upon graduation.

INFORMATION STATED ON DIPLOMAS

- ▶ Student Name
- ▶ Graduation Date
- ▶ Degree
- ▶ Major (Bachelor's and Master's only)
- ▶ University Honors (Bachelor's only)

DIMENSIONS

- ▶ Doctoral diploma: 11" X 14"
- ▶ Master's and Bachelor's diplomas: 8.5" X 11"

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

1. Login to your MyUAH account
2. Select Personal Information and update addresses/phones
3. In the Type of Address to Insert drop down menu select Permanent Mailing Address and submit
4. Finally, update your address/phone and submit

PROOF OF GRADUATION

Order official transcripts early! Requests can be submitted online or at the Registrar's Office, Student Services Building, Room 120. If you submit a request early, please make sure to select Hold for Degree. Visit us at uah.edu/registrar.

HELPFUL TIPS

Let your friends, family, and guests know what area you are sitting in so they can snag a seat and get the best position to see you during commencement!

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8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Located in Charger Union



COME CELEBRATE!

The University of Alabama in Huntsville invites you and your family to attend the UAH Commencement ceremony on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6** to celebrate your big achievement!

Inside this guide, you will find more information about:

- ▶ Schedule of events, including a reception
- ▶ Instructions for students and guests
- ▶ Parking and the floor plan of the arena
- ▶ Purchasing photographs and flowers
- ▶ Alumni Association
- ▶ Receiving your diploma

UAH Commencement Ceremony

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

Von Braun Center's Propst Arena

700 Monroe Street SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

For any questions regarding Commencement, please visit our website at uah.edu/commencement or call the Registrar's Office at 256.824.7777.



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