C/O 2019 COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION!!

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| May 29 @ 9 AM (Graduates must arrive by 8:00 AM LATEST in the fieldhouse) |

University of Miami Watsco Center: 1245 Dauer Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33146

HOW IT WILL GO DOWN:

**Gentlemen:**

Dark slacks, light-colored long-sleeve dress shirt, neck tie, dress shoes (NO SNEAKERS OR SANDALS)

**Ladies**:

Light-colored dress, skirt or slacks, moderate heels suggested- must be dress shoes. NO flip-flops.

**If you are not in dress code, you will NOT be allowed to walk!**

CAP & GOWN

DRESS CODE

4 THINGS THAT WILL KEEP YOU FROM RECEIVING CAP & GOWN

-Owing fees (Pay fees BOTH online through OSP and check with treasurer for past fees to pay in cash by **May 10).**

-Have a pink card (Due by **May 7**)

-Incomplete District Survey on portal (DUE BY **May 15**).

-Incomplete CAP Survey (DUE BY **May 15**).

A message will be sent through Remind101 to let graduates know when to pick up caps & gowns in Student Activities (room 9219) ONLY on **May 22, 2019.** Try on your gown at home as soon as you receive it (check for stains, length, etc.); replacements can be made if there are problems, but enough advance warning must be given to Student Activities. If you did not pay for a cap & gown, few caps and gowns will be available for purchase when the rest arrive.

**4** graduation tickets will be given to each graduate.

**DO NOT** bring any extra articles (***cell phones***, purses, cameras, wallets, etc.) into the fieldhouse or graduation ceremony! CELL PHONES brought to the field house or ceremony, will be CONFISCATED and can be picked up on June 7.

**DO NOT** forget tassel, cap and medallions!

DO NOT inappropriately gesture, yell, throw caps, etc.! Do not write on any part of your cap. (Will result in withhold of diploma)

**DO NOT BE LATE!** (Ceremony starts promptly at 9 AM; anyone late or out of dress code does not participate in the ceremony.)

NAME PRONUNCIATION

Names will be announced by Ms. Rouit. If you are concerned about your name pronunciation, please see Ms. Rouit in room 9209 during 5th period or after school prior to the ceremony.





**8:00 AM** All seniors meet in Watsco Center fieldhouse properly dressed in caps & gowns. Tassels on RIGHT side. (Take all pictures in your cap & gown PRIOR to the ceremony.)

Line up behind respective academy flags (NHS members at front of each line, then alphabetical order)

9:00AM: Processional begins.

March in by academy.

Stand one arms distance apart and smile.

Remain standing for procession of everyone.

Remain standing for JROTC and the Pledge of Allegiance. (GENTLEMEN MUST TAKE OFF CAPS FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & NATIONAL ANTHEM)

11:15 AM: Mr. Costa will confer graduates. Graduates move tassels to LEFT side. End of ceremony.

No throwing caps (your names are inside the cap and your diploma will be pulled)!

One row at a time will retire to the fieldhouse and turn in gown.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAP and District Survey due: May 15

Pick up Cap & Gown: May 22

GRADUATION: May 29 @ 9AM

 **PARKING OPTIONS**

1. **PRE-ORDER A GRADUATION PERMIT:**  All ceremonies take place at the Watsco Center. All vehicles must be parked **head-in only**. A ‘Non-UM Graduation’ parking permit is available for purchase from April 15 through June 7 of 2019, **at a cost of $6**, for students and their guests. The permit is valid on graduation day only. For instructions on purchasing the permit online go to: <https://pt.fop.miami.edu/_assets/pdf/instructions-non-um-graduation-v03.pdf>
2. **PAY BY-PHONE ON THE DAY OF GRADUATION**: Visitors may use PayByPhone (download app or call 877-885-8899). Parking costs for PayByPhone are **$1.50 an hour plus a 27 cents transaction** fee. Parking sessions **over 5 hours are converted to $8.00 plus the 27 cents transaction fee**.

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| * Guests are strongly advised to know their license plate # prior to parking (information will be requested to pay for parking).
* Parking is limited and guests should be instructed to arrive no earlier than 1-1/2 hours prior to the start of the ceremony to avoid traffic.
* Handicapped parking is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.
* Encourage quests to use the Metrorail system and/or meet graduates at alternate location after conclusion of ceremony (guests should not expect to pick up graduates directly in front of the arena after the ceremony, as it will disrupt the flow of traffic).
* Ask guests to be patient and follow all instructions given by City of Coral Gables Police and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police.
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3**. PAY STATION:** (YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE A LINE TO PAY THE DAY OF GRADUATION)

 The parking permit will be at an **hourly cost of $1.50**; but no transaction fee will be charged. A parking session of **5-hours or more converts to all day parking -$8.00**