

Senior News Graduation 2019

May 30, 2019

Nova Southeastern University Rick Case Arena 3301 College Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314 2:00pm

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GRADUATION

It's the final year of high school. This is a year of transition. It is a milestone. With graduation just around the corner, there are many important decisions to make: college, work, living arrangements, and transportation. The future is bright, and getting through that last year of school can be wonderful, frustrating and emotional.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Graduation Ceremony will last approximately two hours. Doors will open to graduates **two hours** and to guests one hour prior to the start of graduation. The graduation ceremony is filled with student emotion, parental pride, and teacher and administration satisfaction. The camaraderie felt by the seniors gathered at this solemn but joyful occasion cannot be captured again. To participate in the graduation ceremony is a privilege not to be missed. Cognizance of the requirements to participate in the graduation ceremony is the responsibility of both seniors and their parents / guardians. Seniors and their parents will have to sign a decorum letter that outlines proper behavior at the graduation.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a <u>privilege</u> earned through four years of achievement. Such privilege is awarded to those seniors who have: (a) completed the academic requirements for graduation; (b) completed a minimum of forty (40) volunteer service hours; and (c) have met all outstanding obligations to the school. Students who have not earned the privilege are not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Diplomas are "conferred" or handed out to graduating seniors at the official ceremony called commencement.

A speaker usually gives the commencement address to the graduating class. The valedictorian, the highest-ranking academic student in the graduation class, usually speaks. Your family should note that due to limited space, many schools have to limit attendance.

PHOTOS & VIDEOS

Monarch High has assigned a photographer to take pictures and will broadcast the ceremony via webcast.

TICKETS

Each senior will receive **four (4) tickets** for family to attend the ceremony. **Each person, no matter how young, will need a ticket. Seniors will be able to request additional tickets.** Requests will be taken from April 22nd to April 26th. Request Forms can be picked up and returned to the Main Guidance Office.

REHEARSALS

There will be a mandatory rehearsal.

May 28, 2019 from 8:00-10:30am at Monarch High School in the Gymnasium.

Students arriving late, or not at all, will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

DRESS ETIQUETTE AT GRADUATION

Students who are not properly attired will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Females: Skirt and blouse, a dress or coordinated pant suit should be worn under the graduation gown. Skirts and dresses should not show below the bottom of the gown. Dark dress shoes are required.

Males: Collared shirt and a tie. Dark full-length trousers and dark dress shoes are required.

No jeans, sneakers, sandals, boots, flip-flops or casual shoes. Messages, flowers, etc. on the gowns are not permitted.

CAPS AND GOWNS

Years of hard work have paid off, and it's your turn to sport the cap and gown. Please remember that you are **renting** your gown. When you receive your cap and gown, you will also receive a ribbon and medallion, which will be worn around your neck. Immediately following the graduation ceremony, you will return your gown. The guidance staff and other faculty members will be located in back of the auditorium to give you your diploma and to take you gown. Please remember — in order to receive your diploma, you <u>MUST</u> return your gown.

DIRECTIONS TO NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

<u>Students report at 11:00 am.</u> There will be a \$7 charge for parking at NSU. Tickets will be sold at Monarch. From Palm Beach:

- I 95 South or Turnpike South to I-595 W
- Exit University Drive South to Nova Drive
- Turn left onto Nova Drive
- Take 1st left onto College Avenue
- 3301 College Avenue is on the right

From Miami:

- I 95 North or Turnpike North to I-595 W
- Exit University Drive South to Nova Drive
- Turn left onto Nova Drive
- Take 1st left onto College Avenue
- 3301 College Avenue is on the right (PLEASE SEE THE OTHER SIDE)



Senior Calendar of Events

February 4 - 6, 2019Senior Superlatives Nominations Senior Superlative Voting February 19 – 21, 2019 Senior Prom Ticket Sales March 1 – April 12, 2019 Senior Prom Nominations April 1 – April 15, 2019 Senior Prom Campaign April 15 – April 18, 2019 Senior Prom Voting April 22 – April 25, 2019 Senior Spirit Week April 22 – April 25, 2019 Grad Bash Meeting April 24, 2019 Monarch High Auditorium 10:00 am Grad Bash April 26, 2019 Islands of Adventure 1:00pm Departure Senior Awards Night May 1, 2019 Monarch High Auditorium 7:00pm **AP** Testing May 6 - 17, 2019Senior Prom May 18, 2019 Marriott in Heron Bay 7:00pm - 11:00pmSenior Exams May 20 - 23, 2019Last Day for Seniors May 23, 2019 Senior Rehearsal/Ticket and Cap & May 28, 2019 Gown Distribution/Breakfast Monarch High Gymnasium 8:00am - 10:30am



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