

# Graduation Newsletter

JUNE 2, 2023

BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

2:00 P.M.

## A Message From Principal Haygood

This year has revealed a few exceptional truths: our seniors are among the most creative and innovative scholars to have graced the campuses of Broward College. Simply put, they affirm our belief that the future is in the best of hands. Parents and guardians, job well done.

Our school's graduation ceremony will mark the conclusion of their kindergarten through twelfth-grade experience. It comes *after* the wonderfully celebratory graduation ceremony hosted by Broward College to confer our students' AA degrees. What a rare and exceptional achievement!

So, as we prepare for the June 2nd ceremony at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts, revel in the varied celebrations that will mark the coming days and weeks. There is so much to appreciate, so much to be thankful for, so much to celebrate.

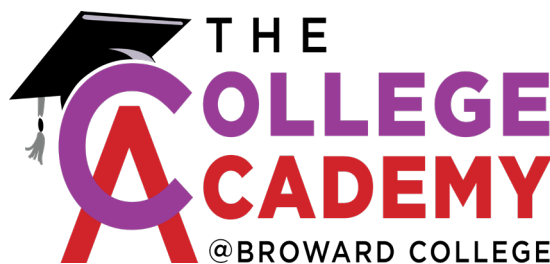
Lastly, I am most appreciative of the exceptional efforts of the members of the Class of 2023 to make this, their last year of high school and 2nd year of college one that reflected their innovation, their regard for one another, and their commitment to

## GRADUATE ARRIVAL TIME

Graduates are expected report to Broward Center for the Performing Arts by 12:30 P.M. and should go directly to their assigned seats.

Please plan extra time for traffic and parking. CA@BC staff will be on site to direct graduates.

**Important note:** Graduation gowns will be returned immediately after the ceremony. Be sure to allow extra time for any pre-graduation photographs that you wish to take.



## TIME SCHEDULE

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts doors will OPEN at 1:00 P.M. for guest seating and the doors will CLOSE at 1:45 P.M. This is not an occasion to be “fashionably late” in attending.

This is the culminating activity of over 12 years of hard work for our graduates. **Once the doors are closed, no one will be admitted into the auditorium until after the National Anthem.** Please allow plenty of time for traffic problems AND crowded parking!

## CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Graduation cap & gowns will be distributed during the Senior Send Off on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Bailey Hall, BC Central campus.

Along with the cap & gowns, seniors will receive their graduation tickets. Specific information about tickets is included on page 2.

Additional information about ordering pictures and decorating caps will also be included.

**Important note:** Graduation gowns will be collected immediately after the ceremony. Be sure to allow extra time to take all your cap and gown pictures before your graduate enters the auditorium.

## DRESS CODE

Graduation is a dignified (dressy) event, and graduates should dress accordingly. Graduates are expected to wear dark pants, a dress shirt and a tie or a dress or skirt no longer than your gown, and dark flat shoes (including sneakers). Graduates will be required to navigate steep stairs so please choose shoes wisely.

Remember to wear any cords, stoles, and medals that you have received from CA@BC, Broward County Public Schools, and Broward College.

Though we are proud of all the different ways that our students are involved in the community, items received from non-school related organizations are not to be worn during graduation.

Graduation ceremonies are intended to be a “dressy” occasion. It is suggested that guests dress appropriately.



## GRADUATION SENIOR SPEAKER

The senior that will address the CA@BC Class of 2023 during graduation, will be chosen through an audition process. Seniors will indicate their interest by signing up and submitting a speech. A committee of select CA staff and students will score each speech during the audition process. The principal will select and announce the winner at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 24th.

The valedictorian, salutatorian, top 2%, 5% and 10% of the CA@BC Class of 2023 will also be recognized during the graduation ceremony.

## TICKETS

ALL guests, **including children and infants**, are required to have a ticket for entrance into the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. **Each graduate participating in the graduation ceremony will receive SIX (6) graduation tickets.** Only graduates who have ordered their cap and gowns from Jostens will receive tickets.

Graduation tickets will be distributed with the cap & gown during The General Assembly and Senior Send Off on May 5<sup>th</sup>. **All seniors are expected to attend the May 5<sup>th</sup> event.**

## DECORUM

Graduation from high school is an important event in the lives of students, parents, and families. It is an opportunity to celebrate the educational accomplishments of students. The graduation ceremony is designed to provide memories and impressions that will last a lifetime. We need your assistance to ensure that your students' graduation ceremony is conducted in a dignified manner.

It is very important that all graduation participants and attendees conduct themselves in a polite and courteous fashion. The graduation ceremony is a dignified event and requires all attendees to be on their best behavior. To ensure that our graduation is conducted in a dignified fashion your child will receive a letter from the Superintendent of Schools, outlining principles of decorum and etiquette that all students and guests are expected to follow.

**This letter must be signed by the graduate and a parent/guardian and returned to CA staff during General Assembly & Senior Send Off on May 5.**

### LIVESTREAMING

We are very excited to have an in-person graduation ceremony again this year. We know that your extended family and friends would like to share this special occasion with you. To make that possible, Broward County Public Schools will livestream all the graduation ceremonies.

The graduation livestreaming details will be shared with the graduates as soon as they are available. The livestream link will also be posted to the CA website:

### CAMERAS

We have a professional photographer taking pictures during the graduation ceremony. Flyers on how and when to purchase pictures will be provided to the students prior to graduation.

Guests will not be permitted to leave their seat during the ceremony to take pictures of their graduate. We wouldn't want any parent's view blocked or graduate's picture ruined because someone was standing in the way. Please... help us ensure that all graduates are photographed by remaining seated.

You may take all the pictures you like BEFORE the ceremony.

### DIRECTIONS & PARKING

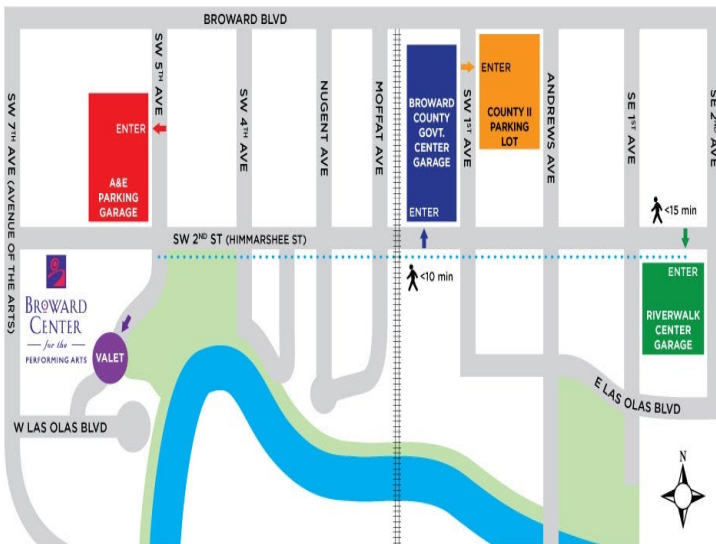
The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located at 201 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312. There is ample parking in the Arts & Entertainment Garage which is across the street. However, be sure to allow additional time for traffic and other potential delays.

**Graduates and guests will be required to pay for local parking. The Arts & Entertainment Garage will charge \$10 for graduation parking.**

### RETURNING GOWNS & RECEIVING DIPLOMAS

Immediately after the graduation ceremony graduation gowns will be collected and high school diplomas distributed.

**Please be sure to take all the pictures of your graduate in their gown BEFORE to the ceremony.** Once gowns are collected, they will not be reissued. Please remember that the gown purchased from Josten's is a rental and will be returned immediately after graduation.



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