



# CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION FAQs

## When is Graduation Day?

Graduation is scheduled for **Friday, May 26, beginning at 10am sharp at the Don Taft University Center on the NSU Main Campus.** Students must arrive and meet by the side arena entrance no later than 9am. Doors open for guests at 9am.

## How do I get tickets?

Each senior will receive 10 complimentary general admission tickets in the lower bowl of the arena. If additional tickets are needed, they will be offered for the upper bowl seating only. (Email [wynnea@nova.edu](mailto:wynnea@nova.edu) for add'l tickets). Ushers will collect tickets from every attendee (except the graduate) including children under the age of 2 years.

## Where will my guests sit during the ceremony?

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The doors to the arena open one hour before start time. Since seating is open, please do not save seats in any way other than sitting in the seat.

## Is there food or drink available?

Yes, food and drink is available at the Food Court in the arena, including a Starbucks.

## Where do I park for graduation?

A parking garage is located north of the Don Taft University Center on Ray Ferrero Boulevard. There is no charge for parking.

## Are there any special parking and seating accommodations for elderly and disabled guests?

Yes, there are accommodations for both parking and seating for elderly and disabled guests. If your guests require special seating accommodations, please contact [wynnea@nova.edu](mailto:wynnea@nova.edu). Guests who are unable to navigate stairs should request handicapped seating. Handicapped parking is available at the arena.

## When do I get my cap/gown/tassel and is there a fee?

All graduation caps, gowns, recognition cords, and medallions will be distributed at the Senior Breakfast on May 23, 2017. There is no fee and seniors are welcome to keep their gowns. All students will wear a solid blue gown.

## What is the Senior Breakfast?

Each year, Dr. Kopas, Head of School, and Dr. Fech, Upper School Director,

\*We ask that you respect the dignity of the ceremony and do not use air horns, confetti, bubbles or other distractions.

invite all senior students to be their guests at a farewell graduation breakfast. This is a special event for senior students only. The breakfast will be held at the **Don Taft University Center on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 beginning promptly at 9:00am.** Attire: Professional apparel and dress shoes including dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, dress shirts, and ties.

## When do I take my Senior Class group photo?

The senior class photo will be taken at the senior breakfast and graduation rehearsal will follow. The graduation photographer will have you complete a photo order form so that proofs can be e-mailed to you and your family.

## How do I receive photographs that were taken at the ceremony?

During the ceremony, GradImages will take individual pictures as the students graduate. We ask that parents and family members NOT approach the stage to take photos. Proofs will be e-mailed 1-4 days after the ceremony. Make sure your student registers his/her email information at the May 23 rehearsal. This is the address that the proofs will be sent to.

## How long is the ceremony, and may I leave the ceremony after I receive my diploma?

The ceremony will last approximately two hours and 45 minutes. Leaving your seat while diplomas are being conferred will cause a disruption to the ceremony. Out of respect for all graduates, please remain seated until the ceremony is concluded.

## Can my friends and family watch from home?

We will be offering a live web stream of the graduation ceremony, so there's no need to miss a thing no matter where you live! Viewing information will be published the week of the event. Please note web streaming will only be available during the graduation ceremony and will later be posted to NSU University School's YouTube channel. A link will be sent to all seniors and senior parents.

## If I have an administrative hold on my account or have not met academic requirements, may I participate in the ceremony?

Yes. You may participate in the ceremony, but you will not receive your diploma or transcripts until all holds on your account have been lifted and all academic requirements have been met. If you have questions regarding holds on your account, please call the Business Office at 954-262-4487.