

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION SPRING 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

All EOSC Commencement ceremonies will be on Friday, May 5.

## TIMES

### **5:00 p.m. Ceremony**

- Behavioral & Social Sciences Division
- Business Division
- Health Sciences Division-Nursing & Respiratory Therapy
- Science & Mathematics Division

### **7:00 p.m. Ceremony**

- Agriculture Division
- Language, Humanities & Education Division

## Location:

C.C. Dunlap Fieldhouse  
1301 W. Main Street  
Wilburton, OK 74578

Gymnasium doors will be opened for seating of guests at the below times

- 4:30 p.m. for the 5:00 p.m. ceremony
- 6:30 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. ceremony

## Ceremony Flow

Graduates will assemble with caps and gowns at the below times on the sidewalk behind the E.E. Tourtelotte Student Center and in front of Johnston Hall, forming a double line facing west. Be sure to have your completed NAME CARD.

- 4:30 p.m. for the 5:00 p.m. ceremony
- 6:30 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. ceremony

## Processional

Graduates will follow/ushers and will direct the graduates to their seats. Please remain standing for the posting of the colors, national anthem, and invocation, and then be seated.

Cap tassels are to be worn at the right front of the mortar board.

In the processional, stay approximately four feet behind the person in front of you.

Ushers will lead the processional, followed by: graduates designated in the top ten percent, the outstanding graduates of the divisions who are not in the top ten percent, and Phi Theta Kappa graduates who are not in the top ten percent.

### **Graduates with Limited Mobility**

If you need special assistance, contact Candace Raney no later than Monday, May 1, at [craney@eossc.edu](mailto:craney@eossc.edu) so arrangements can be made.

### **Welcome/Presentation of Awards/Music/Commencement Address**

1. Upon completion of comments by President Wansick, Dr. Donna Hunnicutt, Vice President of Academic Affairs, will ask all graduates to rise and will present them to President Wansick for the conferring of degrees.
2. President Wansick will respond and will provide instructions to the graduates to come forward.
3. Graduates in the front row, remain standing, facing the stage and move to the end of the row and then face right, towards the stage steps. ALL other rows of graduates should be seated and rise and move to the platform upon the signal from the usher.
4. Upon approaching the stage, the completed NAME CARD indicating the graduate's name and hometown is to be presented to the Announcer on the stage to have your name read. The graduate will walk across the stage to pick-up a diploma cover from Jennifer Labor and proceed across stage for a picture opportunity.
5. As the first row is vacated, the usher will signal the second row to stand in unison and fall in behind the last graduate in the first row. The same procedure will follow for succeeding rows. When graduates have received their diploma cover, they should continue across the stage, take a picture in front of the backdrop, and return to their chairs and be seated. DO NOT STEP OFF THE FRONT OF THE STAGE.

### **Alma Mater/Benediction**

When the last graduate has returned to their chair, ALL will stand for the alma mater.

### **Recessional**

Following the singing of the alma mater the recessional will be led by the faculty, followed by the graduates.

### **Diplomas for 2023 Graduates**

After your final grades for the semester are recorded, your eligibility for graduation will be checked. If you meet all requirements and your account is clear, your diploma will be mailed to the address you listed on your application for graduation. Please make sure your contact information is correct and continue to monitor your EOSC email account.

\*\*\*\*\* ALTERNATE PLANS IN THE EVENT OF RAIN\*\*\*\*\*

Graduates will assemble in the weight room (FH111) and enter by the south entrance.