COMMENCEMENT GUIDE FOR FACULTY & STAFF

This Commencement Guide provides helpful details about your participation in the commencement ceremonies. This year will mark the 54th ceremony for John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The ceremonies will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at Arthur Ashe Stadium which is located at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, 124-02 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11368.

FACULTY Please enter through the East Plaza Gate. There will be directional assistants to guide you to faculty robing. Please note that students & guests will also be arriving via the East Plaza Gate, located just past the boardwalk.

GETTING THERE

By Subway - Take the #7 Flushing subway from either Times Square or Grand Central Station to the Mets/Willets Point Station. The USTA National Tennis Center is about a five-minute walk across the boardwalk from the station.

OR: Take the "E" or "F" trains to Roosevelt Avenue and transfer upstairs to the IRT #7 train (Flushing bound) subway to the Citi Field/Mets Willets Point Station. The USTA National Tennis Center is about a five-minute walk across the boardwalk from the station.

Check the New York Subway schedule with MTA Trip Planner.
You can also take the LIRR to Mets-Willets Point which runs on the Port Washington Line (does not run through the Jamaica Station).
See the LIRR website for scheduling information and rates.
You can also download the LIRR App
LIRR Tickets - Mobile-only

Parking is limited to Citifield's Southfield Lot. Parking is approximately $30. It is first come, first serve and parking is not guaranteed. CASH ONLY

BECAUSE PARKING IS NOT GUARANTEED, YOU ARE URGED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO THE VENUE. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE WALK FROM THE MTA/LIRR STATION AND THE PARKING LOT ARE APPROXIMATELY HALF A MILE FROM THE ENTRANCE.
ARRIVAL TIME – PLEASE BE ON TIME!

Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. ceremony.
The MORNING CEREMONY is for the Class of 2020 and 2022 recipients of the following degrees.


Please arrive by 3:30 p.m. for the 4:30 p.m. ceremony.
The AFTERNOON CEREMONY is for the Class of 2021 and 2022 recipients of the following degrees and all certificates.


ALL certificates will also be conferred in the afternoon ceremony.

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE - FACULTY

Full-time faculty members are expected to attend commencement; part-time faculty members are encouraged to attend. To RSVP, please email commencement@jjay.cuny.edu indicating which ceremony you will attend so that the appropriate seating arrangements on stage can be made. Failure to RSVP could mean that there are not enough seats on stage. Please help us avoid this.

Please note that the ceremonies are recorded and live streamed. Refrain from grading papers, using headphones, reading or doing any activities that distract from the ceremony. If you have questions, please direct them to commencement@jjay.cuny.edu.
OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Faculty who do not wish to be on stage have the opportunity to participate in other ways on the day of commencement. Please contact Rosann Santos at RSantos@jjay.cuny.edu if you are interested in this option.

FACULTY WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Any faculty person with special needs, who will require assistance on the day of commencement, must contact Keisha Pottinger-Moore in Human Resources at 212.484.1152 or kpottingermoire@jjay.cuny.edu. It is important to do so in advance of commencement day.

FACULTY REGALIA

You must wear the appropriate academic regalia if you plan to be part of the procession and be seated on the stage. Oak Hall Cap & Gown is John Jay College’s exclusive vendor. Orders are placed online and will be delivered to the Provost’s Office. You will be notified when your regalia arrives.

The College will cover the expense of regalia rentals for full-time faculty ONLY. The deadline to order is April 15, 2022. Please visit Oak Hall’s website to order your rental or call 1-800-456-7623 to place your order. If you do not order by the deadline you will be responsible for the rental charge and/or you may not be able to participate in the procession, as late orders may not arrive on time.

THERE WILL BE NO RENTING OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE ON GRADUATION DAY. ALL ORDERS MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE.

Regalia will be collected by Maribel Perez and her team at the Stadium following each ceremony. If you have questions or concerns please email commencement@jjay.cuny.edu.

INFORMATION FOR STAFF

If you are interested in doing something different from the previous commencement, please email RSantos@jjay.cuny.edu with your request.

Staff attendance at commencement is expected. However, if you cannot attend commencement, you will need approval from your supervisor who in turn must notify Rosann Santos via email. This will excuse you from having to work commencement.
It is up to the discretion of an office's supervisor or Vice President if he/she wants hourly or non-HEO staff to work on commencement day. Any questions regarding staff roles at commencement should be directed to Rosann Santos.