

GRADUATION EVENT GUIDE



August 9–10, 2019

DAR Constitution Hall
Washington, D.C.

VENUE

DAR Constitution Hall
1776 D Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 628-4780

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

- DAR Constitution Hall does not have parking available onsite. Therefore, those not comfortable walking 4 blocks should consider using a taxi service, Uber, or Lyft.
- Colonial Parking has several garages, with the closest being approximately 4 blocks from DAR. Visit www.ecolonial.com to view garages, rates, and reserve a spot. Metered street parking may be available around the DAR Constitution Hall, but availability will depend on local governmental events that day.
- Persons with disabilities should use the D Street entrance, which enters at lobby level of the DAR Constitution Hall. The ramp on D Street may be accessed by vehicles for dropping off patrons with mobility disabilities. There is no parking available onsite.
- Public Transportation (Metro)–For graduates and guests who are local to Washington, D.C., DAR Constitution Hall is accessible from the 18th Street NW and D Street NW Metrobus stop, as well as the Farragut West Metrorail Orange/Blue line stop, and the Farragut North Metrorail Red line stop. View bus/rail schedules and directions from your location: <https://www.commuterpage.com/ways-to-get-around/metro-system/>

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bring your reader card to the ceremony (included in this packet).
- Pre-ordered regalia: Wear cap, gown, and tassel (Hint: Use bobby pins to hold cap in place).
- Bring your hood (master's and doctoral degrees only).
- Bring cash for purchases, including Purdue Global items from the Student Store.
- Do not bring personal items to the staging room as there is no place to store them.
- Graduates are required to stay in the Hall until degrees are conferred at the end of the ceremony.
- Graduates will be dismissed outside of the building after the ceremony. Guests should meet their graduate on D Street.
- Please notify guests that helium balloons and noise makers are not allowed in the venue.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

For a list of local activities and restaurants near downtown, visit <https://washington.org/visit-dc/things-see-and-do-downtown-dc>.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Alumni Association

PurdueAlumni.org
purduealumni@purdue.edu

Career Services

Employment Search Assistance
careerservices@purdueglobal.edu

Commencement Office Ceremony Information

Graduation.PurdueGlobal.edu
graduation@purdueglobal.edu

Concord Law School

concordlawschool.edu

Jostens

**Caps and Gowns, Announcements,
Diploma Frames**
800-854-7464

Lifetouch Special Events

**Commencement Ceremony
Photography**
events.lifetouch.com/purdueglobal

Customer Service

specialevents@lifetouch.com
800-505-9496

Office of the Registrar

Diploma, Transcript, and GPA Questions
registrar@purdueglobal.edu

Office of Student Life

Honor Society Questions
studentlife@purdueglobal.edu

Purdue University Global Online Store

PurdueGlobalGear.com

Student Accounts

Account Balance and Payment Questions
studentaccounts1@purdueglobal.edu
866-522-7741

GRADUATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time Zone: Eastern Standard Time

Location: DAR Constitution Hall • 1776 D Street NW • Washington, D.C. 20006

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Graduate Services Area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit various Purdue Global departments and pick up free gifts (while supplies last)• Photo opportunities with family and friends
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Alumni Meet and Greet <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about the Purdue Alumni Association• Graduates and families are invited• Light refreshments will be available• RSVP by July 31 to receive 1 free drink ticket per graduate—www.purduealumni.org/PGMeetandGreet
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:00 pm—Doors open for Pinning Ceremony seating• Nursing graduates only• Attire: business casual

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

8:30 am	Graduates: Visit Graduate Services Area then report to Graduate Staging Guests: Doors open for guest seating
9:00 am	Graduate Line Up and Announcements
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Commencement

GRADUATE SERVICES AREA

The following departments will be present on Friday and before the ceremony Saturday to offer assistance:

CAREER SERVICES – Information regarding employment search after graduation, including resumes, interviews, and networking.

CONCORD LAW SCHOOL – Learn more about earning a law degree from Concord Law School at Purdue University Global.

GRADUATE SERVICES – Exchange caps, gowns, or tassels. Sizes and quantities are limited.

MILITARY AFFAIRS – Veterans, active military students, and/or their spouses can pick up a commemorative challenge coin.

OFFICE OF RETURNING STUDENTS – Information regarding your next degree with Purdue University Global.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR – Grade point average (GPA) and degree questions, and academic honor cord exchanges.

PURDUE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – Tap into the power of 630,000 accomplished alumni and grow, both personally and professionally.

SOCIAL MEDIA ZONE – Stop by to snap some social shots and receive a complimentary photo to take with you.

STUDENT STORE - Purchase Purdue Global gear (cash only).

The Purdue University Global Commencement and related events will be broadcast on Facebook Live via Purdue Global's Facebook page, and attendees may be photographed, videotaped, or filmed by authorized parties. The attendance of all participants and guests serves as permission for use of these images by Purdue Global. Commercial photography or filming is prohibited without permission of Purdue Global.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Text to Screen

Send a congratulatory text to 847-232-6556 and your message will be visible to all those attending commencement and those watching on Facebook Live. Messaging and data rates may apply.

Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook

Share your celebratory messages and photos with the Purdue University Global community by including **#PurdueGlobalProud** in your posts.

Live Stream

The graduation ceremonies are broadcast live on Purdue University Global's Facebook page (facebook.com/purdueglobal).

Personalized Video Clip

Watch your inbox after the ceremony for a personalized video of YOU crossing the stage. Share it on your social media channels with **#PurdueGlobalProud**.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY TODAY

At Purdue University Global, we build futures one success story at a time. Please take a moment to share your story and let us know how you are doing. Visit SuccessStory.PurdueGlobal.edu to submit your success story today.

EMPLOYMENT SEARCH ASSISTANCE

Career Services can help you to prepare for life after graduation.

The CareerNetwork is accessible via the Purdue Global Campus portal, and designed as a social platform for you to collaborate with other students, fellow graduates, and the Career Services team to answer specific job search questions. In addition, you can search for jobs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The job tracker has been created specifically for Purdue University Global students and focuses on positions based on a student's program of study and geographic location. The tracker houses job posts from CareerBuilder and its partners, thus offering a large number of available jobs for you to view.

The CareerNetwork also allows you to create a professional profile that offers the opportunity to:

- Complete a work interest assessment
- Submit a resume and cover letter for review/guidance
- Sign up for an exit interview with a Career Services staff member upon graduation
- Update current employment status
- Apply for employment opportunities geared toward your program of study and geographic area



CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!

Your Purdue University Global degree is the first step to achieve your career goals. The Purdue Alumni Association is proud to serve Boilermakers throughout life's journey.

Tap into the power of membership in the Purdue Alumni Association and amplify your life in pursuit of lifelong learning.

MEMBERSHIPS START AT ONLY \$25/YEAR!
Visit purduealumni.org/member to learn more and amplify.

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THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!

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Attire

- Wear low heels or flats as there are stairs in the venue.
- All graduates participating in the ceremony must wear regalia: black gown, black cap, tassel.
- **Cap and tassel:** Graduates are allowed to decorate the tops of their caps if decorations are in good taste and appropriate for all audiences. All tassels are black and gold. Undergraduate-level candidates wear tassels on the RIGHT side of the cap. Master's-level and doctoral-level candidates wear tassels on the LEFT side of your cap.
- **Hood:** Master's-level and doctoral-level graduates will be hooded during the ceremony, so graduates should carry the hood folded over your arm (not wear it). The hood's velvet border is color-coded by program of study.
- Deadline for online regalia orders has passed. If you missed the deadline, call Jostens at 800-854-7464 to see if a late order can be filled. Late orders are not guaranteed and may be subject to additional late/rush fees.



Reader Card

Your reader card is included in this packet. Please bring your reader card to the ceremony as it is used to announce your name and degree when you cross the stage. Graduates receiving a bachelor's or associate's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or higher received an academic honor cord in this packet as well. Please review the information on your reader to ensure it is correct. Visit the Graduate Services Desk on Friday or Saturday for corrections. If you have a name that is difficult to announce, please spell it out as it sounds at the top of your reader card.



Tickets

All graduates and guests over the age of 1 year old will require tickets for entry to commencement on Saturday, August 10, 2019. Each ticket has a unique code that will be scanned upon entry to the building. If copies are made, the first one scanned will gain entry, and all other copies will be denied. Digital tickets may be printed at home or shown at the door on your device. Tickets are not needed for Friday events.



Seating

Guest seating is not assigned and on a first-come, first-served basis. Graduate seating is assigned and based on school and degree level. Doors will open one hour before the ceremony. ADA-accessible seating is available within the Hall for both graduates and guests. To ensure safety, infants and small children must be seated in the guest seating area and supervised by an adult guest during the ceremony.



Disability Services

The DAR Constitution Hall complies with ADA requirements. Designated ADA seating is located within the Hall. Guests do not require reservations for accessible seating, but should notify the ushers upon arrival. Graduates requiring accessible seating or assistance crossing the stage should contact the Center for Disability Services at cds@purdueglobal.edu by July 26, 2019, to make arrangements. Graduates and guests with mobility impairments are encouraged to bring their own wheelchairs to the graduation events.



Diplomas

Diplomas are not distributed at the graduation ceremony. Diplomas are automatically mailed by the Office of the Registrar approximately eight weeks after graduates complete their final class and fulfill all program and financial requirements as stated in the University Catalog. For questions regarding diplomas, please email the Office of the Registrar at rsupport@purdueglobal.edu. Additionally, diploma frames can be ordered through Jostens.



Photography

Lifetouch Photography will take professional individual headshot photos of graduates, in addition to capturing each graduate on stage. Graduates will be emailed the photography website link to view and purchase photographs 2–3 weeks after the ceremony. Graduates and guests may take photographs during the ceremony from their seats, but are prohibited from standing in the aisles.



Flower Sales

Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Hagerstown, Maryland, will sell fresh roses at commencement on Saturday. Roses can be purchased as a single stem for \$4 or half-dozen bouquets for \$15. **Cash only.** 100% of flower proceeds go to the Kiwanis Club foundation which supports youth activities, primarily for those less fortunate, including, but not limited to, The Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.

COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATIONS START FRIDAY

FRIDAY'S MUST SEE EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Constitution Hall

Before your big day, visit DAR, right in the heart of D.C., just blocks from many of D.C.'s most iconic landmarks, such as the White House, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and more.

Graduate Services Area

Stop by, ask questions, get information from various Purdue Global departments, and learn what our Career Services department has to offer. Pick up free gifts while supplies last.

Military graduates and veterans can pick up a commemorative military challenge coin.



Alumni Meet & Greet Event

Mix and mingle with fellow graduates and deans, while enjoying light refreshments and a cash bar. Learn about the Alumni Association, and snap a photo with Purdue Pete! RSVP by July 31 to receive 1 free drink ticket per graduate: www.purduealumni.org/PGMeetandGreet

Photo Opportunities

Capture memories with families and friends, as you celebrate your accomplishments! Various photo opportunities are available on Friday. Be sure to stop by the Social Media Zone for a free photo to print and take with you!

Student Store Shopping

Purchase official Purdue Global gear from the Student Store while supplies last. Cash only.

School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Nursing graduates are invited to the Nursing Pinning Ceremony at 7:00 pm. Doors open for seating at 6:00 pm.

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