

Graduation What to Expect Video Transcript

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2018!

The time to celebrate and make history is coming soon.

The 2018 commencement ceremony will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Rosemont Theatre, just outside of Chicago.

To help you get ready and make sure everything goes smoothly, here's a little information and a few pointers.

First there's check-in, which you can do either Friday evening or Saturday morning.

When you do check in, be sure to get your reader card.

This is important, since you'll need to hand it to the reader as you cross the stage and your name is announced. If you think the reader might have trouble pronouncing your name, please print it the way it sounds.

Those of you who check in Saturday should arrive 40 to 60 minutes before the ceremony.

Remember to arrive dressed in your cap and gown and proceed to Check-In to get your reader card.

Guests should enter the auditorium to be seated.

Please leave any personal items and valuables such as handbags or purses with your guests for safekeeping.

Guests can arrive when you do. Theatre doors open one hour prior to the start of the ceremony.

About 30 minutes before the ceremony begins, all graduates will report to the Staging Area, which is located on the Mezzanine Level of the theatre.

There, you will line up by the number indicated on your reader card. Ambassadors dressed in black shirts with the Purdue Global logo will be in the staging area to help you find your place in line.

Next, you will be led into the theatre for the processional. You worked hard for this, so enjoy your moment in the spotlight!

Remember, friends and family who cannot attend the ceremony may be watching you live on Facebook.

After a few comments from the Purdue University Global Chancellor and Keynote Speaker, you will be led to the stage.

Get ready for your close-up! Professional photographers will be backstage to take your photo, which will be available a few weeks after the ceremony.

As you approach the stage, hand your card to the reader, who will announce your name as you receive your diploma cover and handshake.

Doctoral graduates, followed by master's graduates, will be hooded on the stage and will then proceed to receive their diploma cover.

Undergraduates, you will then have your name announced and proceed to receive your diploma cover.

As you exit the stage, you'll be directed back to your seat.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, your degree will be conferred by the Purdue Global Chancellor. You will then be dismissed to proceed out of the theatre and meet your guests in the lobby.

Enjoy every minute of this special event! Take photos. Celebrate. Be proud! *We're proud of you.*
Congratulations, Class of 2018. You did It!