

## **Spring 2023 Commencement Information**

**Date: Friday, May 12, 2023**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Noyes Stadium, Paris Campus**

### **Academic Apparel – PICK UP ONLY**

Caps and gowns are pre-ordered in a range of heights and sizes and are yours to keep after the ceremony. Paris Junior College is pleased to provide the academic apparel at no cost to the student. Caps and gowns will be distributed according to the following schedule. If this schedule is not convenient for you, please designate someone else to pick up your regalia before May 5.

**Sulphur Springs students:** April 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Greenville students:** April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Paris students:** April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Administration Bldg. AD 149

Suggested attire for Men: light-colored shirt and tie and dark slacks.

Suggested attire for Women: dresses or dark colored slacks.

### **Ceremony Location (Clear Weather)**

The ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 12, 2023, at Noyes Stadium on the Paris campus. In case of severe weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Hunt Center (gymnasium). See Alternate Location (Inclement weather) for details.

#### **Directions to Noyes Stadium:**

From Greenville: take I-30 east, to exit 101 to Hwy 24. Follow Hwy 24 North to Paris.

From Sulphur Springs: take Hwy 19 North to Hwy 24. Follow Hwy 24 North to Paris.

In Paris, turn right on Evergreen/Jefferson Road (right past the Evergreen Cemetery).

Turn left on 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

Noyes Stadium will be approximately ¼ mile on the right.

### **Alternate Location (Inclement weather)**

In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be moved to the Hunt Center (gymnasium) on the Paris campus. The decision to change the location will be made by noon on the day of the graduation and will be posted on the PJC website at [www.parisjc.edu](http://www.parisjc.edu).

### **Commencement Day Arrival**

Arrive at the Learning Center (Library) at 6:00 p.m., with your regalia, so that we can provide you with important instructions. When you arrive, you will be provided a card with your name (as it will be announced) and you will be asked to line up alphabetically with your fellow graduates. There will not be a secure place to leave your personal belongings. Please do not bring purses or other valuables. Lost tassels can be replaced but replacement regalia will not be provided to you at the ceremony. Please instruct your guests and family members that arrive with you to report directly to Noyes Stadium for choice of seating.

### **Phi Theta Kappa Members**

PTK members are recognized by wearing a gold tassel and monogrammed stole with their cap and gown. This

academic regalia must be purchased separately. You should have received instructions from a previous invitation letter to contact Kenneth Webb. It is preferred that students order online at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org) and have items shipped to their home. However, students who cannot order online, may order their stole and tassel by paying \$40 at the Business Office at any campus; payment must be received by April 28. Students will pick up preordered and prepaid PTK regalia from the Greenville Center, or Sulphur Springs Center, or Kenneth Webb (Student Center Room 208) beginning April 29. Students must show their receipt when picking up their PTK regalia.

### **Required Exit Loan Counseling**

All students who received student loans while attending Paris Junior College are required to do exit loan counseling before they graduate. This process will give you important loan information to assist you with all of the repayment, deferment, or consolidation options. Your records at Paris Junior College will be blocked until this process is done. If you have any questions, please contact Student Financial Aid at 903-782-0429. You may log onto exit counseling at the following address: <https://mappingyourfuture.org/>.

### **Invitations**

Students who wish to send graduation invitations should contact their local office supply store or print shop. There will be no ceremony seating.

### **Photographs**

A photographer from Candid Color Photography will be taking pictures of all graduates receiving their diplomas from the President. They will contact you directly regarding proof review and purchasing or you can visit their website at <http://oklahomapartypics.com/>.

### **Honor Graduates**

Graduates who are receiving an Associate of Science, Associate of Arts, or Associate of Applied Science degree and whose cumulative grade point average is 4.00 - Highest Honors, or 3.9 - 3.99 – High Honors (including transfer courses) will be recognized during the ceremony. Eligibility for this recognition requires students to complete all requirements in the fall or spring semester and to complete at least 30 hours of their total coursework in residence at Paris Junior College. Degree graduates whose cumulative grade point average is 3.50-4.0 will receive recognition on their transcripts and diplomas. Certificate students are not eligible for honors designation.

### **Diplomas**

During Commencement, graduates will receive a diploma tube. Diplomas will be mailed to those individuals who meet all graduation requirements following receipt of final grades and verification of graduation requirements. **Diplomas are generally mailed within four to six weeks of the last day of the semester.**

### **Reception**

A reception for graduates and guests will be held in the Tennis Courts, following the graduation ceremony.

### **Additional Information**

If you will need special accommodations during the commencement exercises, or if you have any questions concerning graduation, please contact Amie Cato or Norma Wright in the Records Office at (903) 782-0220.

\*Paris Junior College will continue to monitor and assess the COVID-19 impact on the communities served. Masks are no longer required on a PJC campus. However, you should consider wearing a mask to protect your own health.

# Paris Junior College Campus Map



1. Williams Administration Building (& Ray Karrer Theatre)
2. Grimes Center
3. DeShong Chapel & Carillon Tower
4. Masters Apartments
5. Mayer Center for Musical Arts
6. Old Gymnasium
7. Alford Center/Student Development Center
8. College Store/Bookstore
9. Mechanical Building
10. Tennis Courts
11. Plant Operations & Maintenance
12. Annex 4 (Sonography)
13. South Campus Residence Hall

14. Art Building/Foyer Gallery (Annex 2)
15. Annex 1
16. Rheudasil Learning Center / EOC
17. Aikin Archives
18. Aikin Plaza
19. Applied Science Center
20. McLemore Student Center
21. Math & Science Building
22. Hatcher Hall
23. Thompson Hall
24. Hunt Physical Education Center
25. Gabbert Building/Small Business Development Center
26. Talent Search/Upward Bound

27. Workforce Training Center
28. Noyes Stadium
29. Volleyball Court

30. Bus Barn
31. Hub Hollis Baseball Field

