



Fall 2023 Commencement Information

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 December 9.

Sulphur Springs students: Nov. 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lobby

Greenville students: Nov. 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lobby

Paris students: Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Office of Admissions & Records, AD149

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

Suggested attire for Women: dresses or dark colored slacks

Commencement Location

The commencement ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 15, 2023, at the Hunt Center (gymnasium) on the Paris campus.

Directions to the Hunt Center:

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.

Once in Paris:

Turn right on Evergreen/Jefferson Road (immediately past Evergreen Cemetery)

Turn left on S. Collegiate Dr.

Hunt Center (gymnasium) will be approximately ¼ mile on the left

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 the Hunt Center 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 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 December 1. Students will pick up preordered and prepaid PTK regalia from Greenville Center Main Office, or Dana Smock, Sulphur Springs

Center, or Kenneth Webb (Student Center Room 208) beginning December 11. 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/oslc/>.

Invitations

Students who wish to send graduation invitations should contact their local office supply store, print shop, or online store. Ceremony seating is limited depending on the number of graduates, but tickets will not be issued at this time.

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 weeks of the last day of the semester.

Reception

A reception for graduates and guests will be held in the Student Center Ballroom, following commencement.

Commencement Seating

Seating may be limited for guests and family depending on the number of graduates. It is advisable for guests and family to report directly (early) to the Hunt Center (gymnasium).

Accommodations

If you will need special accommodations during the commencement exercises, please contact Amie Cato or Rebecca Whitley in the Office of Admissions and Records at (903) 782-0220.

Questions

Contact Amie Cato or Rebecca Whitley in the Office of Admissions and Records at (903) 782-0220.