

## Graduation FAQ

- **I DID NOT GET MY GRADUATION TICKET ORDER FORM IN ON TIME. WHAT DO I DO?** We will accept order forms on Monday. If the order form is not in on Monday, we will give you the two complimentary tickets but you will not be able to order pre-sale tickets after that. They will be sold on a cash and carry basis. **ALL STUDENTS STILL NEED TO COMPLETE A PERMISSION SLIP THAT IS PART OF THE ORDER FORM.** Permission slips and order forms can be found [here](#) (or in the front office....).
- **When is Rehearsal?** Wednesday June 5, 9:30 AM at the blacktop next to the stadium.
- **When is the Senior BBQ?** The senior BBQ (Upper-Blacktop) is on Wednesday June 5, immediately following the rehearsal.
- **When do I pick up my Cap and Gown?** The cap and gown is Wednesday, June 5 in the MPR starting at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Pre-purchased graduation tickets will be distributed then as well.
- **My graduate is not walking in the ceremony. When Can I pick up his or her diploma?** During business hours (7:00 AM – 3:30 PM) after June 6<sup>th</sup> and before June 14<sup>th</sup> in the UHS front office. After that, please check the website for when the office is open.
- **Do I have to be at rehearsal?** Yes. Although seniors are done with finals, it is still a school day and graduates need to know what to do during graduation. Some have come to the office to tell us of classes at community colleges starting at 8:00 AM. E-mail the professor and make arrangements to be at UHS on Wednesday at 9:30 AM. You have to be here if you are walking in the ceremony.
- **What if I have not ordered a cap and gown?** At this point, you may purchase a cap and gown by contacting Jostens directly at (714) 751-0260 for \$40. You may purchase on June 5 when Jostens is here distributing. It is cash and carry and the cost is \$40. If you are not of an average size (tall or short, etc.) **DO NOT WAIT.** Call them now so that they can make sure they have your size available.
- **My sibling has a cap and gown from a previous year at UHS. Do I need to purchase one?** Graduates who want to use a sibling's UHS Cap and Gown may do so. If you want to purchase a 2019 tassel, the cost is \$10 and will be available at the Cap and Gown distribution on June 5.
- **Do I keep the cap and gown or is it a rental?** Graduates may keep their cap and gown as well as their tassel. We recommend that graduates remove their tassel before throwing the hat (mortar board) in the air so the tassel does not get lost.
- **Do seniors have assigned seating for graduation?** Yes. There will be an e-mail with your specific section and row, along with the assigned meeting room will be sent to the e-mail address we have on file.
- **If I did not get the e-mail, where do I go to get the seating assignment(s)?** The seating assignment will be listed by short ID number on the senior link under "students" on the UHS Homepage. In addition, for your convenience, we have a map of the Bren center and the seating for graduates so families can be as close to their graduate as possible.
- **Is there assigned seating for parents and guests at the Bren Center?** No. Tickets are not for a specific seat, only to get you into the venue. The venue map (on the UHS website) will show the sections inside the Bren Center in relation to the seating of the students. Cross

reference the student seating assignment. Everyone (even small children) need a ticket to enter the venue.

- **When do we get our Tickets?** Seniors will pick up all pre-ordered tickets and complimentary tickets (including those purchased through the lottery) when they pick up their caps and gowns on Wednesday, June 5, during the cap and gown distribution.
- **Are noise makers, such as “air horns” or “clappers” allowed?** No. For the courtesy of EVERY family, we insist that you leave those noise makers at home so that everyone can hear their child’s name read. It is a big day for ALL the students and families. Please do not ruin it for others. **ALL BAGS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCHES** and noise makers will be confiscated.
- **Are Leis or other ornamentation allowed on the graduates?** No. University High School allows graduating seniors to wear only items distributed by the school, such as academic cords or medals. Leis purchased through the PTSA may be collected by the parents at the graduation ceremony and given to the graduate AFTER the ceremony.
- **Are graduates allowed to decorate their hats (mortar boards)?** No. University High School wants a classy and dignified event for everyone.
- **What time can parents and family get into the Bren Center?** The doors open at 8:30 AM and you are allowed to line up starting at 8:00 AM. Everyone 2 years old and up must have a ticket to get into the venue.
- **Where do parents park?** Parking is in the Mesa parking structure accessible on Mesa Road. [Click here for the Google Maps link.](#) It is easiest to access the parking structure if you take University to Mesa Road and turn south. Then it is a right turn into the parking structure. **It costs \$10 to park.** We encourage you to carpool as much as possible and have **exact change** for expediency. Please remember to leave a space in the car for your graduate. There is not a student bus to transport students back to campus.
- **When are the Graduates supposed to be at Grad Night?** Those attending Grad Night are supposed to be on campus between 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM to check-in.
- **What if I have a family member in a wheelchair?** There is handicapped parking in the Mesa Parking Structure for use by those with Handicapped placards. There are elevators and wheelchair access to the venue. In the Bren Center, there is wheelchair seating on the entry level of the venue and a seat for one other who accompany the wheelchair bound guest.
- **How long is the ceremony?** We shoot for a 60-75 minute ceremony. We start at 9:00 AM and get done generally before 10:15 AM. If you are making brunch or lunch plans, allow at least 45-60 minutes after the ceremony to exit the venue, take pictures, get your car and leave the Bren Center.