

Class of 2021

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

- Graduate students' rehearsal will be conducted Friday, April 30, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Hale Stadium.
- Undergraduate students' rehearsal will be conducted on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Hale Stadium. All students are required to wear masks and adhere to social distancing requirements, to the extent practicable.
- Caps and gowns can be secured from the TSU Bookstore starting 04/26/2021
- Persons who graduated during the 2020 year will be allowed to participate in the fall 2021 ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

- Hale Stadium will serve as the primary location for the 2021 Spring Commencement Exercises at Tennessee State University.
- The Graduate Ceremony will be held on Friday, April 30, 2021 starting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Tickets are required for entrance.
- The undergraduate ceremony will begin at 8 o'clock on Saturday, May 1, 2021 in Hale Stadium with the overflow persons directed to the Gentry Center. Tickets are required for entrance.

GUESTS ATTENDANCE

- Each graduate will be provided a total of six tickets (4 to Hale Stadium, 2 to Gentry Center).
- Because this is a ticketed event, persons will not be allowed to enter any facility without a ticket. Once the ticket has been validated it cannot be reused. Electronic tickets through TicketMaster will be provided when picking up regalia or during rehearsal for commencement using your cell phone number. **THERE WILL BE NO HARD TICKETS PROVIDED.**
- **ANYONE OCCUPYING A SEAT MUST HAVE A TICKET.**
- All persons entering the stadium will be required to enter through one of two entrances. One entrance will be located on John Merritt Boulevard and the second entrance will be located at the Olympic Statue. Each entrance will require individuals to be temperature checked and provide the appropriate ticket to the location. These locations will open for students and guests with tickets to enter at 6:30 a.m., graduates and their families are strongly encouraged to arrive early to go through the required protocols, including wearing masks at all times.
- The Gentry Center will serve as the overflow destination for persons who were provided tickets to this facility. Each person will be required to present the appropriate ticket and successfully pass a temperature check to enter this facility. This site will have video and audio projected from the Hale Stadium facility. This location will be open for the graduates and invited guests to enter starting at 6:30 a.m. Individuals who have tickets for this location are strongly encouraged to arrive early to go through the required protocols.

STADIUM HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- The university will exercise stadium and arena protocols in all commencement locations. No large bags or purses will be allowed. Signage will be posted in the parking lots and prior to entering the locations as a reminder to not bring the items to the gates/entrances.
- To protect the health and safety of our University community, we strongly encourage parents and other adult family members of students to be fully vaccinated if you wish to attend the commencement ceremony. Faculty and staff who have been fully vaccinated are also invited to attend the commencement ceremony.

Visit www.tnstate.edu/commencement for more information.