

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! If you have not ordered your cap and gown, you may order it here – <http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/lander/> . The graduation ceremony will take place at the Finis Horne Arena on Wednesday, May 15th at 11 a.m.

Below is a checklist to help your day go smoothly.

TICKETS

6 ceremony tickets will be available to each candidate for pickup from Monday, April 22nd through Friday, April 26th in the Registrar's Office.

Remaining tickets will be disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis on Tuesday, April 30th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Every guest must have a ticket to enter the arena (including small children).

LOOK THE PART

Men are asked to wear white shirts, dark ties, and dark shoes. Women are asked to wear dark shoes, dark clothes, and conservative jewelry. Please do not wear flip flops or chew gum.

All graduates must be in a Lander University issued cap and gown to participate in commencement. The tassel should be on the right side of the cap prior to the ceremony; it will be moved to the left side during the ceremony as directed.

Please do not bring any personal belongings with you to the gym. We recommend that you leave these with family members or friends in the general admission area.

USE A CLEAR BAG

Lander University will be enforcing a clear bag policy for the commencement ceremony. Guests will be allowed to bring in one clear backpack or bag, subject to search. Clutches are not permitted inside of the arena for the commencement ceremony.

Exceptions will be made for guests with medically necessary items.

GUESTS ARRIVE ON CAMPUS

Parking is available in campus lots and is first-come, first-served. A Lander University map is available online. The arena doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Seating is general admission and guests will be accommodated first come, first served.

Entrance to the arena will be closed at 10:45 a.m. Late arrivers will be asked to watch the ceremony in the Cultural Center Auditorium and tickets are not required.

Handicapped guests are encouraged to arrive early to be seated. These guests can be dropped off at the circular drive close to the arena entrance.

GRADUATES ARRIVE

All graduates should arrive in the PEES auxiliary gym at 9:45 a.m. Parents and guests will not be allowed to enter the PEES Complex. There will be tables set up where you will receive a name card and any honors regalia.

At exactly 10:30 a.m., special instructions and the formation of the procession line will begin.

GET SNAPPED

Commencement photography is provided by [Grad Images](#). Photographers will be taking photographs during the ceremony. Grad Images will email graduates after the ceremony with information about how to obtain their photos.

KEEP WALKING

You will receive a diploma cover as you cross the stage. Receive it with your left hand and shake hands with your right.

Guests are asked to give a polite applause as each student crosses the stage, so all students' names can be heard. We ask that guests refrain from shouting out names or other forms of boisterous behavior until the end of the ceremony.

GET YOUR DIPLOMA AND CELEBRATE

Follow the marshals back to the PEES auxiliary gym to receive your diploma. Graduates must pick up their own diploma and if you do not attend graduation, it will be mailed to you. After picking up your diploma, join your family, friends, faculty, and staff for a commencement toast at the fountain!

BRUNCH WITH US

There will be a graduation brunch in the Grier Student Center. More information will be sent to your Lander email address in the next few weeks about this event.

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit the [Commencement website](#) for complete information about graduation.
- Follow Lander on [Facebook](#).
- Join the [Lander Alumni Association](#) and stay in touch!



Congratulations and GO BEARCATS!