

**Miami Dade College  
Wolfson Campus  
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**COMMENCEMENT 2017 INFORMATION**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017, 1:00 p.m.**

**James L. Knight International Center 400 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33131**

This information is being provided to assist you in planning for your day of celebration **COMMENCEMENT 2017**. Please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at the above telephone number if you have any questions. Pre-commencement information is as follows:

**ELIGIBILITY:**

All students completing graduation requirements in one of the following terms are eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremony on April 29, 2017:

**December 2016—April 2017—July 2017**

**CAPS, GOWNS, NAME CARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Your graduation cap, gown, name card and announcements will be given to you **FREE OF CHARGE**. They will be available starting on **MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017**. You may pick up these items at the Wolfson Campus Bookstore during their regular business hours:

**Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;**

**Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;**

**Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

A valid identification (student ID, driver's license, etc.) will be required to pick up items.

**STUDENT GRADUATING WITH HONORS:**

As of Monday, **April 10, 2017** students graduating with honors (GPA based on end of Fall 2016-1/2167 term) may pick up their gold cord and tassel in Room 1264 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please bring your Degree Audit or unofficial transcript with you. Students with a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 – 3.69 will receive a gold-toned tassel only. Students with a Cumulative GPA of 3.7 – 4.0 will receive both a gold-toned cord and gold-toned tassel. If you have any questions, please contact The Honors College at 305-237-7077.

**DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:**

The James L. Knight International Center is located at the corner of SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Downtown Miami. Take I-95, either North or South to Biscayne Boulevard, Exit #3. The bottom of the exit ramp is next to the James L. Knight International Center and the Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel. After exiting the I-95 ramp, make a right turn and the next hard right into the Knight Center Drive. Proceed straight ahead, making the next right into the garage. There is a fee for parking at James L. Knight International Center. There are other parking lots in the area that may be less expensive.

**Free parking** will be available at the MDC Wolfson Campus Parking Garage (500 NE 2nd Avenue) for all graduates and their guests. You can take the Metromover at the College North Station (5th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue) to the Knight Center Station. As an alternate method of transportation, take the Metrorail to the Government Center; then take the Outer Loop of the Metromover to the Knight Center Station. The James L. Knight International Center is a short walk from the station.

**GRADUATE ATTIRE:**

Commencement is a formal ceremony that recognizes the academic achievements of our graduates. Proper attire and behavior are expected. Comfortable, business-casual clothing is recommended for students walking at Commencement. Please do not wear sneakers, beach sandals, or shorts. Wear shoes and visible items of

clothing under your gown in dark colors that harmonize with the Commencement gown. Non-academic stoles, non-academic cords, non-academic medallions, and other types of non-academic adornments should not be worn at Commencement.

<b>Dress Code:</b>	White Shirt	Comfortable Dress
	Dark Tie	Comfortable Dark Shoes
	Dark Trousers	Jewelry (able to be hidden under regalia)
	Dark Shoes	No Purse/Handbag

### **GRADUATES WITH DISABILITIES:**

For accommodations to participate in the ceremony, individuals with disabilities should contact ACCESS, Room 1180 or call 305-237-3072. The graduation stage is wheelchair accessible via a ramp. Sign language interpreters will be available during the ceremony and for graduates in the line-up area. Contact ACCESS for more information regarding accessibility or programs in alternative formats.

### **SECURITY**

All persons, including graduates and guests, entering the James L Knight Center are subject to a security screening with a metal detector wand and/or inspection of belongings. Failure to consent to screening and inspection will result in a denial of entry to the James L. Knight Center. For security reasons, the following items will not be allowed in the James L. Knight Center: large bags, noise makers, large cameras, tripods, coolers, balloons, banners, and baby strollers. Cell phones must be turned off or set to silent.

### **ADMITTANCE AND INFORMATION FOR GUESTS:**

Each graduate will receive **three (3) admission tickets** for the Commencement Ceremony. **Guests should go directly to the James L. Knight International Center Theater** on Saturday morning to ensure that they get a seat, as seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Saving seats will not be permitted. We encourage all guest(s) to arrive before 11:45 a.m. and plan to stay until the ceremony's end. We also request that you not bring any electronic devices that may detract from the dignity of the ceremony.

### **DEGREES:**

During the ceremony, all students will be called to the stage and given a scroll. Diplomas will be mailed to students following appropriate certification by the Advisement and Career Services Office and the Office of the Registrar. Students who will be receiving more than one degree will be called to the stage only once. **Please make sure to bring your name card with you on Commencement Day.**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

A professional photographer will take pictures of each student receiving a scroll. Proofs will be mailed, (without obligation), to the student approximately two (2) weeks after the ceremony with instructions on how to get copies of the desired photographs. **No other pictures will be allowed during the ceremony!**

We look forward to seeing you at Commencement 2017 on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the James L. Knight International Center. Please remember that you must report to **Riverfront North Room on the First level** no later than **11:00 a.m.** The Commencement Ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. and will conclude approximately at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions or require additional information, contact the Student Life Office at 305-237-3536.

**We will see you at Commencement!**