

2018 DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

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REMINDER: Regalia MUST be worn at ALL ceremonies and NO ALCOHOL is permitted

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

Rossier Doctoral Commencement Ceremony

Ceremony will be held in McCarthy Quad (between Doheny and Leavey Libraries)

- 2:00 p.m. EdD and PhD candidates line up adjacent to McCarthy Quad between Doheny Library (rear) and Argue Plaza (Look for "Graduate Line-Up" signs)
- 3:00 p.m. Ceremony begins
- 5:00 p.m. Ceremony ends

After the ceremony, a reception will be held at Pardee Way Lawn for graduates and guests

Line-Up

- Line-up begins at 2:00 p.m. adjacent to McCarthy Quad between Doheny Library (rear) and Argue Plaza
- You will line up by your Chairs' Last Name
 - *If your chair is not present and you have not designated an alternative, Dr. Stowe will hood you*
- You MUST stay in your specified groups throughout the ceremony

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018

USC Main Commencement

Ceremony will be held in Alumni Park.

<http://commencement.usc.edu/>

- 8:00 a.m. PhD candidates line up inside Bovard Auditorium
MAT/Master's/EdD Candidates line up between VKC and SOS
- 8:30 a.m. Proceed to Alumni Park
- 10:00 a.m. Ceremony ends

Rossier Master's Commencement Ceremony

Ceremony will be held in McCarthy Quad (between Doheny and Leavey Libraries)

- 2:30 p.m. **Master's and MAT** candidates line up adjacent to McCarthy Quad between Doheny Library (rear) and Argue Plaza (Look for "Graduate Line-Up" signs)
- 3:30 p.m. Ceremony begins
- 5:00 p.m. Ceremony ends

After the ceremony, a reception will be held at Pardee Way Lawn for graduates and guests

Line-Up

- Line-up begins at 2:30 p.m. adjacent to McCarthy Quad between Doheny Library (rear) and Argue Plaza (See map on website)
- You will be seated by program. (For example: PASA, MAT, MAT-TESOL, etc.) **You MUST stay with your program throughout the ceremony**

Speaker

- This year's Commencement Speakers are:
 - Ted Mitchell, President of the American Council of Education
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PARKING AND SEATING

Parking is free on Thursday and Friday on a first-come, first-served basis. **On Thursday** parking is available at any campus lot. The closest parking structure to both Rossier Ceremonies is **Parking Structure X (PSX)**.

For the USC Main Ceremony on Friday, we recommend you arrive before 7:00 a.m. Guests with disabilities should enter campus through Gate #4, located on Jefferson Boulevard at Royal Street, and be dropped off in front of the New North Residential College. Cars will then be directed to **Parking Structure D** at the corner of Figueroa Street and Exposition Boulevard. (Enter structure off of Flower Street)

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and with a ticket at the Rossier Master's Ceremony

- Please inform your guests that **NO STROLLERS OR UMBRELLAS ARE ALLOWED**.
- There is a designated section for guests in wheelchairs. Only one other person can sit in this section with the guest in wheelchair
- Everyone that needs a seat is required to have a ticket. Children age 3 and under may sit on laps and do not require a ticket. (This will be at the ticket takers discretion)
- Print all tickets at **100%** size to ensure that the scanner will be able to read and admit your guest

REGALIA

Rented Regalia

- Caps and Gowns can be returned inside the University Bookstore on Thursday, May 10, 2018 and Friday, May 11, 2018 outside and inside of the bookstore
- For specific information, please contact University Bookstore at (213) 740-8998

Hoods (DOCTORAL STUDENTS ONLY)

- Please bring your hood with the button **UNFASTENED**
- Make sure to carry your hood with your left arm until you are "hooded" by your chair
- Once seated, place your hood on your chair until it is time to be hooded
- Tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap

TICKETS (Master's Ceremony Only)

- Participating Graduates do not need tickets
- Each guest must have a ticket to enter the venue
- Any children over the **age of 3** will require a ticket. (*Age of child is at the ticket taker's discretion*)
- Strollers will not be permitted.
- Tickets become invalid after your first scanned entry into the venue. **A HAND STAMP is required for all guests in order to re-enter the Ceremony**

ENTRY

- On Thursday, May 10, 2018 McCarthy Quad will open at 2:00 p.m. for guests
- On Friday, May 11, 2018 McCarthy Quad will open at 2:30 p.m. for guests with tickets
- **Please advise your guests that they will NOT be able to view the ceremony from the perimeter of the venue; over-crowding will cause the ceremony to be immediately stopped by the Fire Marshall.**

ROSSIER CEREMONY DVD AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Live Stream of the Master's Ceremony will be available on <https://students.rossier.usc.edu/commencement/>

For additional inquiries, please contact rossier.events@usc.edu or log onto <https://students.rossier.usc.edu/commencement/>