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WILL THERE BE PHOTOGRAPHERS AT COMMENCEMENT?
GradImages will be photographing all graduates at each commencement ceremony. Professional photographers will take three different pictures of each graduate. Order information and proofs will be sent to your NKU email account by the photographer three to five days after the ceremony. More information or to order prints, please call (800) 261-2576 or email giservice@gradimages.net.

GradImages is offering 20% off graduation photo orders of $50 or more when graduates register their email address prior to graduation. Visit the GradImages website (gradimages.com/northernkentuckyuniversity) and click on Registration to take advantage of this offer.

HOW DO YOU WATCH COMMENCEMENT ONLINE?
The commencement celebrations are available for live streaming on nklu.com/commencement.

The video will be available for on-demand viewing after commencement on NKU’s YouTube channel.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY DIPLOMA?
Diplomas are mailed approximately six to eight weeks following graduation each semester (fall, spring, summer) from the Office of the Registrar. To ensure you receive your diploma in a timely manner, you are encouraged to go online and check your address through your myNKU account. If changes need to be made or if you have a question about your diploma, please contact the Office of the Registrar at (859) 572-5556 or registrar@nku.edu.

Your diploma cannot be released until all obligations to the university have been paid or completed. This includes, but is not limited to, money due to Student Account Services and unreturned library materials.

OTHER QUESTIONS?
Visit nklu.com/commencement
Contact specialevents@nku.edu

Commencement Information
Saturday, Dec. 18: BB&T Arena
10 A.M.  
College of Arts and Sciences
Haile College of Business
College of Education
3 P.M.
College of Health and Human Services
College of Informatics
Forty-Ninth Commencement Exercises

Commencement will include exercises for students in these colleges.
ACADEMIC APPAREL
Graduates can purchase undergraduate/master’s regalia in person at the NKU Bookstore in the University Center until Friday, Dec. 17 and online at herff.ly/nku until Nov. 15. The NKU Bookstore will not accept returns after Friday, Dec. 17 (regalia must also be in the original packaging).  

APPAREL FOR ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR DEGREES
The required apparel for associate and bachelor degree graduates is a black gown, black cap and black/gold tassel. The optional NKU stole of gratitude is also available for an additional cost.  

APPAREL FOR MASTER DEGREES
The required apparel for master degree graduates is a black master’s gown, black cap and a tassel and hood in the color corresponding to the field of study (visit nku.edu/commencement for the full list of colors and programs). The optional NKU stole of gratitude is also available for an additional cost.  

APPAREL FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES
Graduates who are earning both a certificate(s) and an undergraduate or graduate degree should wear the regalia for their degree as described above. Students earning an undergraduate certificate only should wear regular undergraduate regalia: black gown, black cap and black/gold tassel. Students earning a graduate certificate only should wear their regalia from their highest earned degree.  

APPAREL FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES
Doctoral regalia may be specially ordered in advance. Doctoral candidates should have received notification from their program director with order and pricing information.  

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONOR CORDS
Undergraduate students who qualify for University Honors will receive an honors cord to wear with their apparel. Honors cords can be picked up at your respective commencement ceremony or from your dean’s office. Please note that master and doctoral degree candidates are not eligible for University Honors cords.  

CUMULATIVE GPA
Cum laude = 3.50-3.7499

ORGANIZATIONAL HONOR CORDS AND STOLES
Please contact the head of your organization, department or club to inquire if organizational honor cords or stoles will be offered. For questions on academic apparel, please visit nku.edu/commencement.  

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLASS RINGS AND GRADUATION GIFTS
Personalized graduation announcements and class rings may be ordered from Herff Jones, our preferred vendor, at herff.ly/nku. The NKU Bookstore will have a satellite booth at the BB&T Arena at each commencement ceremony with a selection of graduation gifts available for purchase. Additional NKU gifts and products can be found at nku.edu/shopnkru.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SCHEDULE
NKU will hold two ceremonies honoring the August and December Class of 2021 in BB&T Arena.  

SATURDAY, DEC. 18: BB&T ARENA
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business
College of Education
9 a.m.: Doors open for graduate and guest check in (no entry before 9 a.m.)
10 a.m.: Ceremony begins
Noon: Ceremony concludes

College of Health and Human Services
College of Informatics
2 p.m.: Doors open for graduate and guest check in (no entry before 2 p.m.)
3 p.m.: Ceremony begins
5 p.m.: Ceremony concludes

In keeping with NKU’s campus-wide policy, NKU will hold two ceremonies honoring the August and December Class of 2021 in BB&T Arena. NO special RSVP is required to participate (or not participate) in the December 2021 ceremony. Graduates are not required to RSVP if they plan to attend.

GUEST INFORMATION
Tickets are not required for guests or graduates and there is no limit on the number of guests who may attend. Guest seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis and social distancing will not be mandated in the venue.

Graduates to the arena will open to graduates and guests one hour prior to the start of the ceremony. There will not be early admittance, so please plan arrival accordingly. Guests should enter BB&T Arena through main entrance off the circle drive, at the end of the pedestrian bridge coming from the Welcome Center Garage. To aid with accessibility, guests and graduates may be dropped off in front of BB&T Arena if needed in the circle drive off Nunn Drive. Once inside the arena, you will be directed to the elevator for access to the 2nd floor concourse level.

Parking is free and open in all lots and garages on campus on Dec. 18. Handicapped parking is available on all levels of the Welcome Center Garage located across the street from the arena.

In the arena, accessible seating is available in the last row of certain sections on the concourse level for any guests who should avoid stairs. Guests can visit the Guest Services booth or ask a BB&T Arena usher for assistance in finding a seat that meets their mobility needs.

GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY
All August graduates and students who have officially applied for December 2021 graduation through the Registrar’s Office are eligible to participate in the December 2021 ceremony. Graduates are not required to RSVP if they plan to attend.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I HAVE TO RSVP TO ATTEND MY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?
No special RSVP is required to participate (or not participate) in the Class of December 2021 commencement ceremonies. Completing your graduation application with the Registrar is the most important step for graduation. If you aren’t sure whether you have submitted the application, please contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@nku.edu.

I AM GRADUATING WITH TWO DEGREES. WHICH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN?
Graduates earning more than one degree may simply choose which ceremony they’d like to attend. Your diploma and transcript will reflect all the degrees that you have earned at NKU.

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