

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Continued from previous page)

WILL THERE BE PHOTOGRAPHERS AT COMMENCEMENT?

GradImages will photograph 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. For 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.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY DIPLOMA?

Diplomas will be mailed approximately six to eight weeks following graduation each semester (fall, spring, summer). To ensure that 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 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.

To learn more about graduate lineup, decorating your cap, what you can bring to the arena and more visit nku.edu/commencement

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS

GRADES, ELIGIBILITY, DIPLOMA, TRANSCRIPTS ETC.: registrar@nku.edu or (859) 572-5556

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: nku.edu/commencement or specialevents@nku.edu

ACADEMIC APPAREL: herff.ly/nku or NKU Bookstore (859) 572-5142



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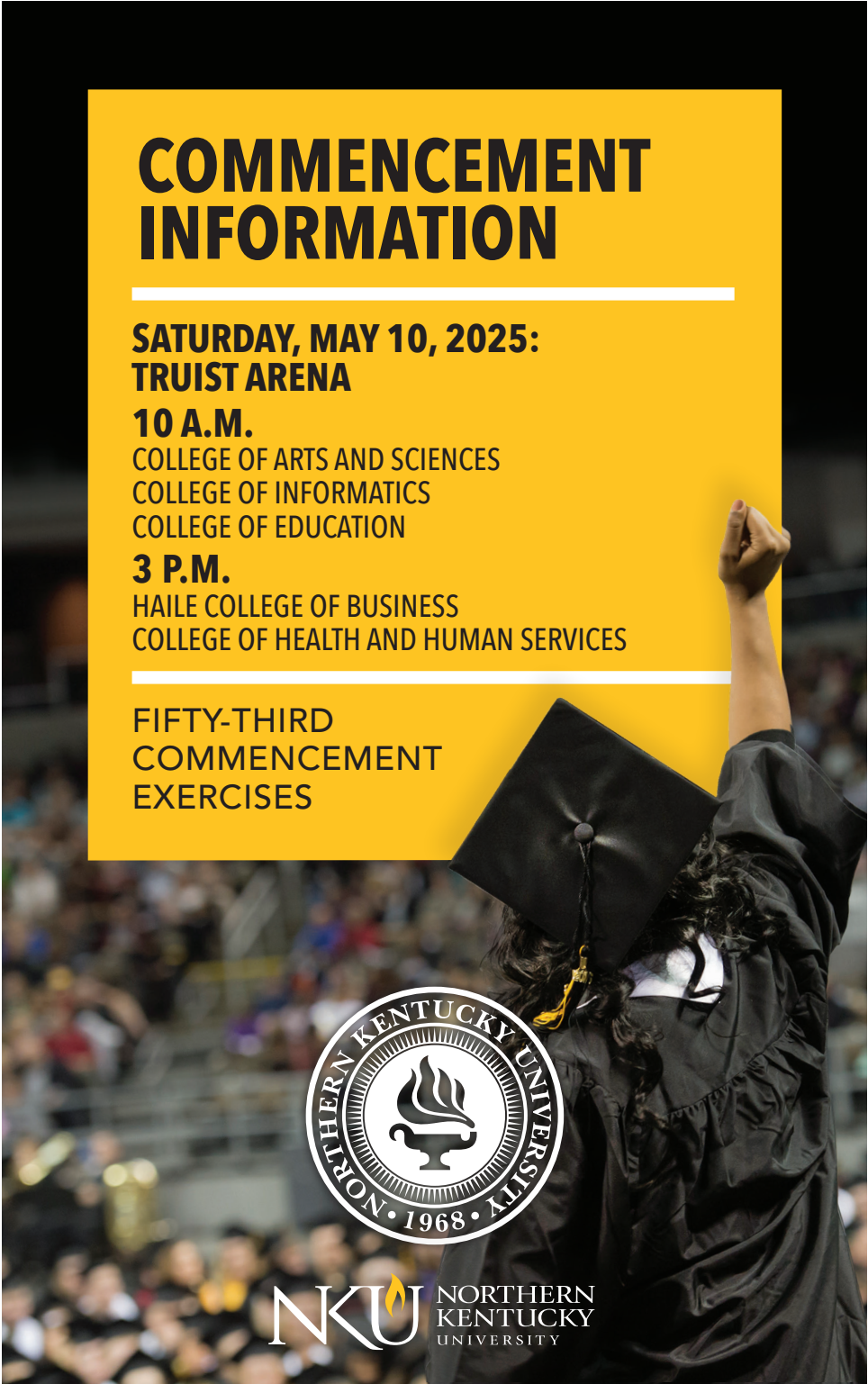
COMMENCEMENT
INFORMATION

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025:
TRUIST ARENA

10 A.M.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

3 P.M.
HAILE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FIFTY-THIRD
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES



ACADEMIC APPAREL

Graduates can purchase undergraduate, master’s and doctoral regalia in person at the NKU Bookstore in the University Center until Saturday, May 10 and online at herff.ly/nku until Tuesday, April 8.

The NKU Bookstore will not accept returns after Saturday, May 10 (regalia must also be in the original packaging to be returned).

APPAREL FOR ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR’S DEGREES

The required apparel for associate and bachelor’s degree candidates 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’S DEGREES

The required apparel for master’s degree candidates is a black master’s gown, black cap, and a tassel and a hood in the color that corresponds 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 must be specially ordered in advance. Doctoral candidates should have received notification from their program director with order and pricing information.

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS 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 commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 10, or from your dean’s office up through Friday, May 9. Please note that master and doctoral degree candidates are not eligible for University Honors cords.

CUMULATIVE GPA FOR UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

Summa cum laude = 3.90-4.00

Magna cum laude = 3.75-3.8999

Cum laude = 3.50-3.7499

ORGANIZATIONAL HONOR CORDS AND STOLES

Please contact the head of your organization, department or club to inquire if stoles or cords 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 Truist 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/shopnku.

GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

May graduates who have officially applied for May 2025 graduation through the Office of the Registrar will be eligible to participate in the ceremony on Saturday, May 10.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SCHEDULE

NKU will host two ceremonies honoring the May Class of 2025 in Truist Arena.

All graduate, undergraduate and online students from each college will attend the same ceremony in person.

SATURDAY, MAY 10:

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Informatics

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

12-12:30 p.m.: Ceremony concludes

SATURDAY, MAY 10:

Haile College of Business

College of Health and Human Services

2 p.m.: Doors open for graduate and guest check in (no entry before 2 p.m.)

3 p.m.: Ceremony begins

5-5:30 p.m.: Ceremony concludes

- Parking is free of charge in all surface lots and parking garages on campus on Saturday, May 10.
- Parking is recommended in the Welcome Center garage. Accessible parking is available in Lot O.
- Doors will open one hour prior to the start of each ceremony.
- Upon arrival, graduates will be directed to the vault entrance for check in.
- Banners and signs are not permitted.
- Bags larger than 12x6x12 are not permitted.
- Accessibility accommodations for graduates will be made in the graduate assembly area or by calling (859) 572-1378 before Saturday, May 10.
- Please check nku.edu/commencement for up-to-date ceremony information as it becomes available.

HOW TO WATCH ONLINE

All ceremonies will be streamed live on nku.edu/commencement for graduates or guests who are joining virtually. The live stream feed will not be available before the ceremony begins. Videos of the ceremonies will be available for on-demand viewing after the event on the **NKU’s YouTube channel**.

MAKE YOUR CLASS GIFT!

The class gift is a special opportunity to give back to your alma mater and join thousands of alumni who believe in the importance of supporting NKU students. Make your class gift of \$20.25 before April 30 and receive a Philanthropist stole to wear at commencement! Learn more at nku.edu/classgift.

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.

Doors 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 Truist Arena through the 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 Truist 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 second floor concourse level.

Parking is free and open in all lots and garages on campus on May 10. Accessible parking is available on all levels of the Welcome Center Garage located across the street from the arena and in Lot O.

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 Truist Arena usher for assistance in finding a seat that meets their mobility needs.

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Additional FAQ and information can be found at nku.edu/commencement.

DO I HAVE TO RSVP TO ATTEND MY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?

Eligible graduates do not need to submit a special RSVP to participate (or not participate) in the May 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 of the degrees that you have earned at NKU.

