

Commencement: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why do you have designated parking?
 - a. The campus will host two graduations on one day! The start times for the graduations are close enough together that designating and coordinating our parking plan provides a safer and less congested campus. We appreciate everyone's assistance in making this happen. Go Doane!
2. Where is Commencement located?
 - a. Cassel Theater. ([See attached map](#))
3. Where will I see my student?
 - a. Your student will be sitting on the east side of Cassel Theater.
4. Where can I park?
 - a. General Parking:
 - i. **Enter by Frees Hall (just off Boswell Street).** A Doane staff member will direct you to the nearest available parking lot and space. Due to the large volume of traffic on campus, we ask all guests to travel no faster than 5MPH. Please do not park on lawns or grass areas of the campus unless directed to do so. Vehicles that block other vehicles or are parked in non-designated areas may be towed at the owner's expense. Once you enter the campus please listen to the directions given to you by the parking staff. They will assist you in getting to your parking locations safely and quickly
 - b. Handicapped, Drop-off or Special Permit
 - i. Enter at 13th and Doane Drive and notify the parking staff you are looking for handicapped, drop-off or special permit parking and receive directions. Those who do not have handicapped or special permits will be directed back across campus. Those who are dropping off guests will be directed to an appropriate parking location. After the graduation event you will need to pick up your vehicle and return to the drop off location to pick up the person you dropped off.
5. Is there any parking off-campus?
 - a. Yes, guests may utilize legal parking spaces within the city of Crete.
6. Any suggestions about parking on campus?
 - a. Arrive early!
 - b. Follow the directions of the parking staff!

- c. Carpool!
 - d. Drive safely!
7. Where can I sit?
- a. Seating is provided. Metal folding chairs will be set up in the area. Guests who prefer extra comfort are encouraged to bring small cushions for the chairs.
8. What should I bring with me?
- a. Bottled water is recommended as the Commencement does take some time and it may be a warm day.
9. Are there any safety concerns in the area?
- a. Guests are encouraged to wear good supportive shoes for walking from parking lots to the Commencement sites. This is an open campus with small rises in elevation while walking. Although there are sidewalks provided, please be careful if you are walking across grounds due to various rises and drops in the ground.
10. What if I have someone with special needs?
- a. Handicapped parking will be located in the **Communications parking lot** near the Commencement location.
 - b. Option 1. Anyone with limited mobility is recommended to utilize the ramp on the north side of the Perry Campus Center to enter the building. Then take the elevator to the lower level. Finally use the ramp in the student lounge area which will take you to the outside deck behind the Perry Campus Center and facing the commencement ceremony.
 - c. Option 2. If you park on the southside of campus, it's recommended that you use the side walk traveling along the Doane pond to reach the commencement ceremony.
WARNING: There are areas where there are slopes and downgrades that may cause wheel chairs to pick up speed. We suggest using caution in these areas.
11. What if I have a security or safety issue?
- a. Call (402)826-8669. In the event of an emergency call 911 (or 9-911 from any campus phone).
12. What if I have a general campus question?
- a. Before the event call (402)826-8669. During the event look for staff in orange vests.
13. What if I am looking for someone?

- a. Designate a meeting location for everyone you are meeting or driving with. This will be a very busy day with lots of people on campus. If you are lost, come to the Perry Campus Center and look for the Safety Office located on the lower level.

14. Will there be food and water?

- a. The Common Grounds coffee shop in the Perry Campus center has food and drinks available. Perry campus center also has water fountains and vending machines located on the lower level.

15. Is it far to walk from the parking lots to the Commencement location?

- a. Our parking lots are conveniently located across campus. The commencement ceremony is centrally located on the campus. Please view the campus maps to estimate traveling distances from each lot to the ceremony.

16. What if a personal item is lost or stolen?

- a. Contact the Safety Office at (402)826-8669. *Note: Items not claimed within 30 days will be disposed of.*

17. What is there is severe weather in the area?

- a. In the event of severe weather the graduation will be moved to the Fieldhouse Building. We will also notify students via email and facebook.