

The following rules will apply to the decoration of graduation caps. Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved at the commencement ceremony check-in. Failure to follow these rules could result in the removal of the cap before the ceremony.

Appropriate Decorations:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the university you will be attending
- Recognize the branch of the military you will be joining
- Your graduation year
- Inspirational quotes
- An image or item of personal or cultural significance

*** NOTE: Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated ***

Prohibited Decorations:

- Cannot contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature
- Cannot denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students
- Cannot be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd
- Cannot include numbers other than the graduation year
- Cannot threaten the safety and welfare of any person
- Cannot make noise. No bells, horns, or anything that makes noise

Some Words of Caution:

- It is highly suggested that you trace your cap onto cardboard and decorate the cardboard. In case you make a mistake you can start over with a new piece of cardboard. After you decorate it, stick it to your cap with double-sided tape or Velcro stickers.
- We will not furnish new caps if you damage yours when decorating.
- Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved at the commencement check-in
- Failure to follow rules on cap decoration could result in your cap being removed and may result in your removal from the Graduation ceremony
- Administration will reserve the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate for the commencement ceremony.

*** If you have questions about your cap design, contact the Activities Office ***