

Hello Seniors and Senior Families,

Below you will find information for graduation. Please be sure to read through the entire message!

***NOTE: GRADUATION REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY AND NON-NEGOTIABLE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION AND RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA!***

## ***GRADUATION AND REHEARSALS - MAY 17***

- Graduation Rehearsals are at 11am May 17th @DU (Hamilton Gym).
- Seniors need to arrive by 10:30am
- You will NOT be allowed to leave and come back. (Snacks will be provided)
- Graduation is Wednesday, May 17th at 2pm @DU Ritchie Center
- DU has implemented a NO BAGS policy for graduations - this includes graduates and families. Please carry/wear your Cap and Gown, tassel, cords, and anything else you must have. Please review prohibited items below.

Please dress appropriately:

- Dresses, skirts, dress slacks/pants, ties (optional) and comfortable dress shoes.
- No casual clothing or casual shoes, such as rubber flip-flops or sliders.
- Shirts need to be worn under your gown.

Graduates are permitted to decorate their caps. Cap decorations must align with school and district policies (drug or alcohol paraphernalia, inappropriate language, etc. will not be allowed)

Graduates are asked to leave all personal items with a family member or in their vehicles, as no items are to be carried with them at the rehearsal or the ceremony.

- × If you are unable to attend commencement, diplomas can be picked up after May 17th at South.

# ***SENIOR FAMILIES***

- × **Doors open for families at 1:00pm**

- × No tickets necessary.

## **The Ritchie Center has implemented a “no bag policy” for graduation ceremonies**

- × **Please note, medical and diaper bags will be an exception, however, they will be subject to additional visual screening upon entry**
  - × The decision to implement a no bag policy for graduation ceremonies was made in conjunction with the University of Denver’s Campus Safety division
  - × The intent behind this decision is to help speed up the entry process to all graduation ceremonies while also maintaining the safest possible environment for all guests entering our facility
  - × The University of Denver will be providing cars parking in our Lots with a verbal and written reminder of this policy, and we will have signage and staff outside from the parking lots reminding guests of this policy.
  - × There will not be a bag check available at The Ritchie Center. Guests will not be permitted to enter with an unapproved bag.
- × **Prohibited Items**
  - × No bags, with the exception of medical and diaper bags subject to visual screening upon entry
  - × No balloons, balls, confetti, frisbees, and other projectiles
  - × Artificial noisemakers; air horns, whistles, cow bells, vuvuzelas, etc.
  - × Outside food and beverage, to include water bottles (empty, plastic, and/or hard shell)
  - × Oversized signs or banners (larger than 28” x 22”), to include any signage with a stick or pole attached
  - × See attached guide for additional prohibited items
- × **Parking and Parking Map**
  - × Parking is \$10.00/vehicle and is CASH ONLY
  - × Available parking lots: Lot 108, Lot C, Lot L, and Lot W
  - × ADA Parking will be available in Lot 311 and Lot 314. On select dates, Lot 401 will also be available as ADA parking.
  - × Please do not park in residential areas such as apartment and condominium lots, personal driveways, or permitted only street parking

