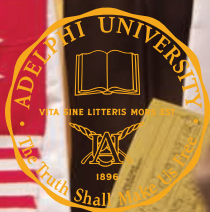
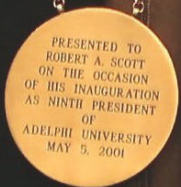
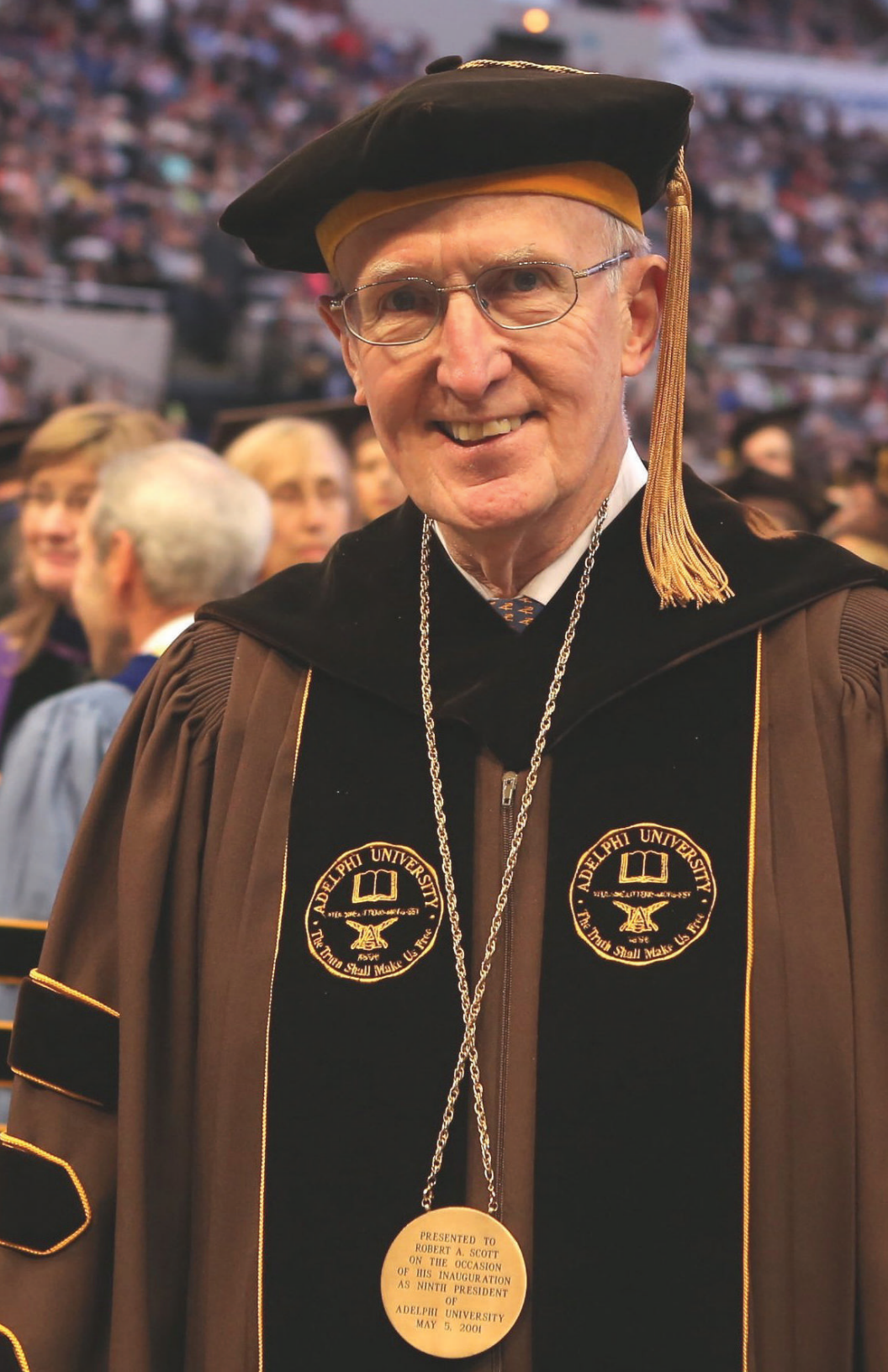


YOUR GUIDE TO COMMENCEMENT



Adelphi University
Founded 1896





THE PRESIDENT

March 2015

To the Class of 2015:

On behalf of the Adelphi community, I would like to congratulate you on your upcoming graduation – an important and joyous occasion for you and your family!

On May 21, 2015, members of this community will celebrate this achievement with you and your classmates at our Commencement ceremony, which will be held at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

To ensure that this celebration marks a special day – from the stately procession of faculty and graduates to the conferring of degrees – *Your Guide to Commencement* should provide important and useful information. We are pleased that you have selected Adelphi University for your academic journey and look forward to you being an honored member of our alumni network.

Congratulations again on this culmination of your hard work. I look forward to seeing you on this momentous occasion, and to shaking your hand as you officially become an Adelphi University graduate.

Best wishes,

Robert A. Scott
President

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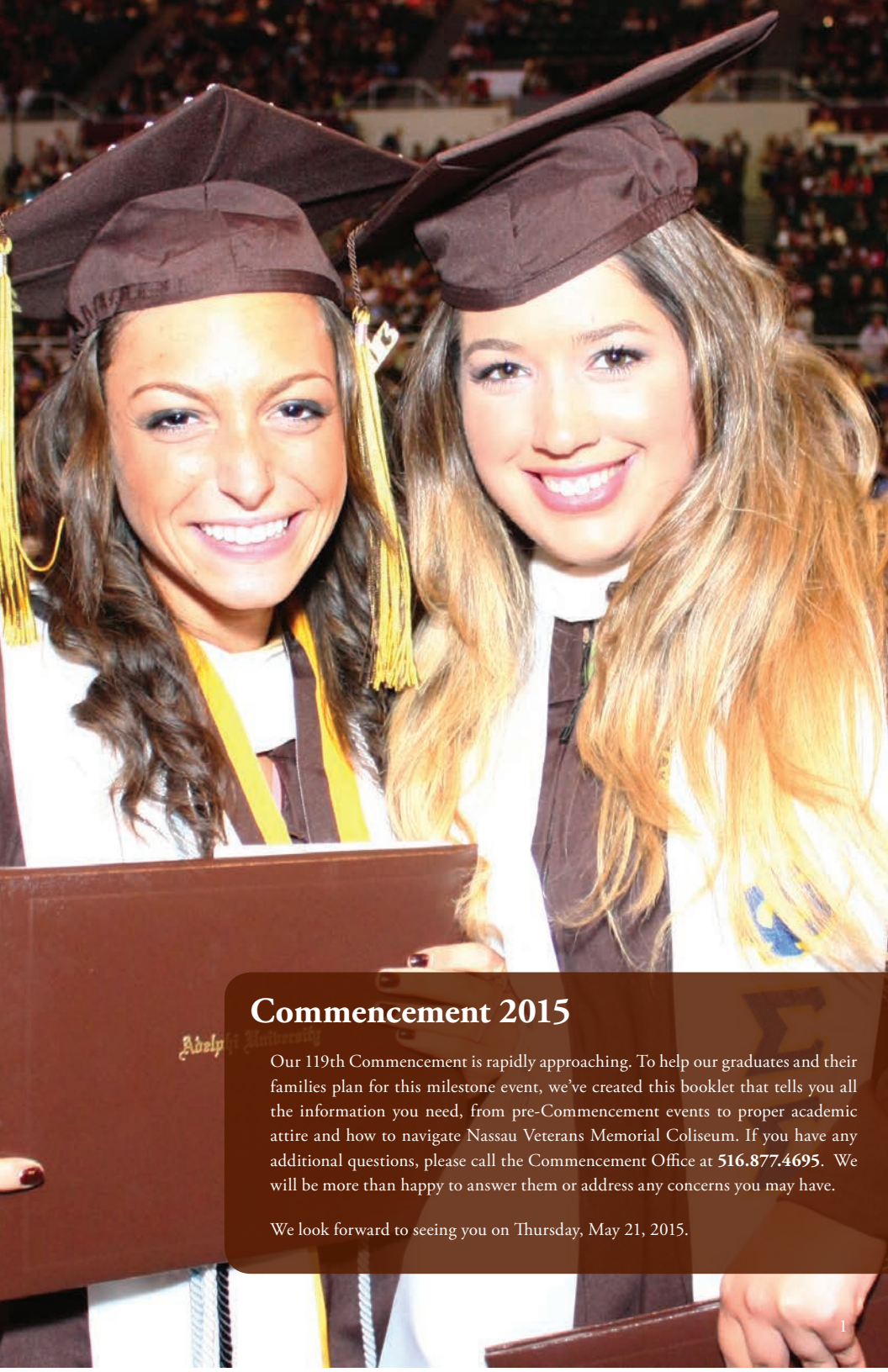
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To make Commencement a memorable day for you, your family and your fellow graduates, please be certain cellphones and other electronic devices are turned off. Once you have processed onto the stage, please return to your seat for the remainder of the ceremony. The last graduate is just as important as the first and deserves the same respect and attention.



Commencement 2015

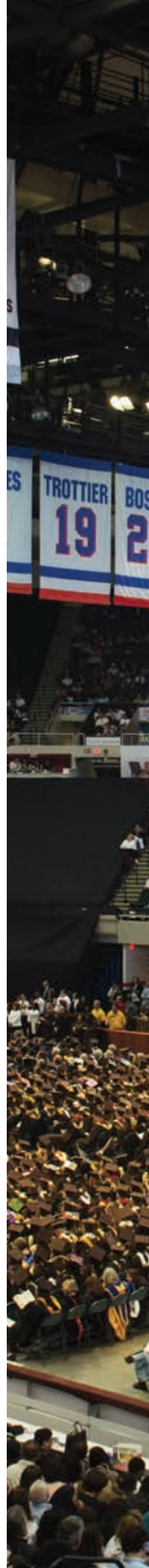
Our 119th Commencement is rapidly approaching. To help our graduates and their families plan for this milestone event, we've created this booklet that tells you all the information you need, from pre-Commencement events to proper academic attire and how to navigate Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. If you have any additional questions, please call the Commencement Office at **516.877.4695**. We will be more than happy to answer them or address any concerns you may have.

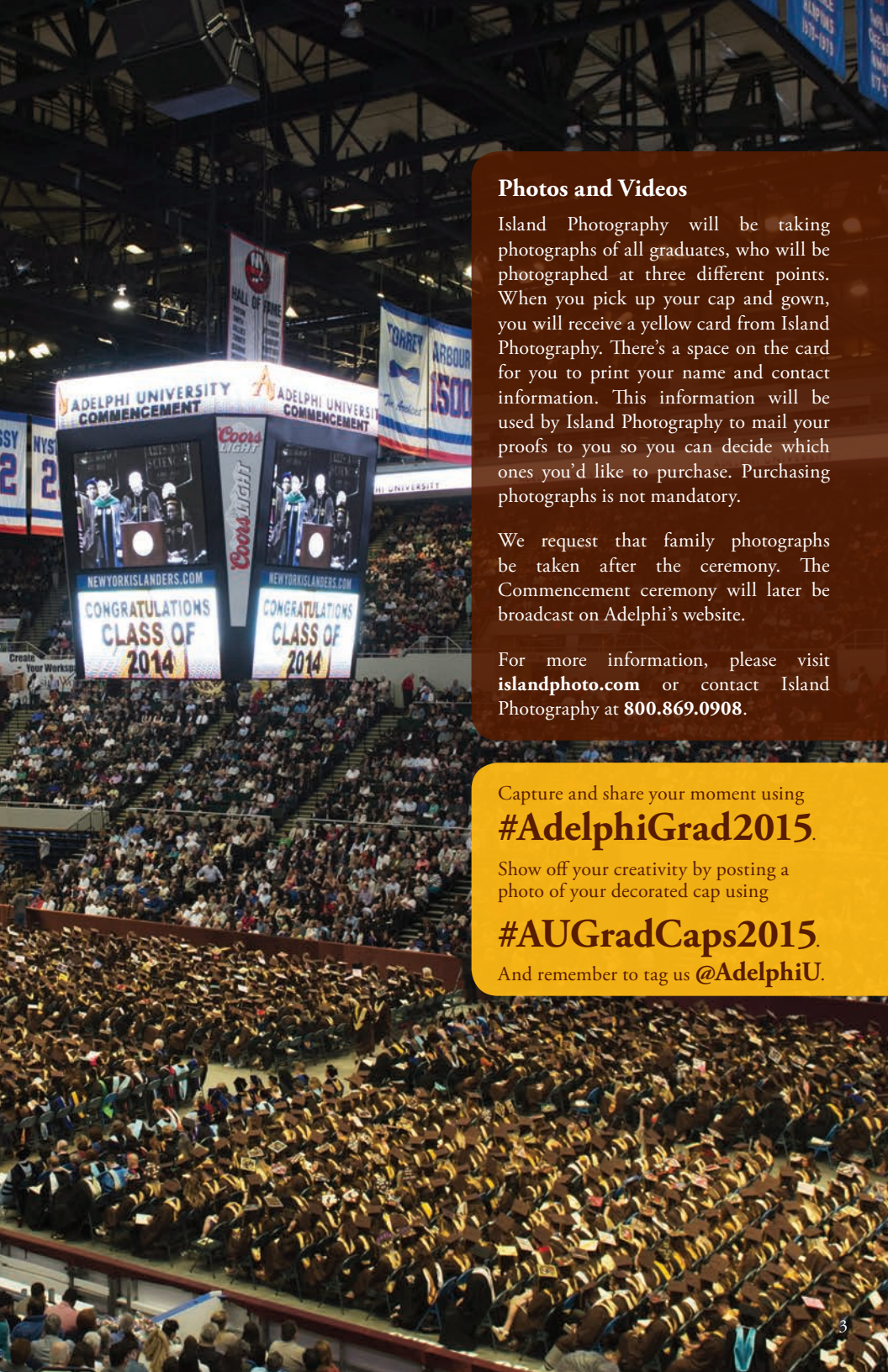
We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

Commencement Countdown Calendar

February 9	101 Nights Until Graduation
February 23–27	Senior portraits for the <i>Oracle</i> yearbook at the Ruth S. Harley University Center, Rooms 215 and 216, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
March 11	Tickets go on sale for Senior Events at the Ruth S. Harley University Center, Room 211, from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. After the initial ticket sale, tickets will be available at the PantherTainment Booth while supplies last.
March 9–13	Senior portraits for the <i>Oracle</i> yearbook in the Ruth S. Harley University Center, Rooms 215 and 216, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
March 25	Last day to complete a graduation application for 2015 to have your name appear in the Commencement book. <i>If you apply for graduation after this date, your name will not appear in the Commencement book, but you can still participate in the Commencement ceremony.</i>
April 6–10	Senior portraits for the <i>Oracle</i> yearbook in the Ruth S. Harley University Center, Rooms 215 and 216, from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
April 21–22	Adelphi's Annual Grad Fair
April 22– May 17	Academic attire for sale at Adelphi University Bookstore, Ruth S. Harley University Center, lower level
April 25	Manhattan Center cap and gown orders due
April 28 and May 2	Manhattan Center Grad Fair and cap and gown pickup
May 1	Senior Formal
May 20	Parent/Senior Dinner
May 20	Last day to pick up graduation attire from the Adelphi University Bookstore, Ruth S. Harley University Center, lower level
May 21	COMMENCEMENT: Report to Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum at 8:00 a.m.
May 30	Last day to apply online for graduation; after this date it must be done in person.

Congratulations!





Photos and Videos

Island Photography will be taking photographs of all graduates, who will be photographed at three different points. When you pick up your cap and gown, you will receive a yellow card from Island Photography. There's a space on the card for you to print your name and contact information. This information will be used by Island Photography to mail your proofs to you so you can decide which ones you'd like to purchase. Purchasing photographs is not mandatory.

We request that family photographs be taken after the ceremony. The Commencement ceremony will later be broadcast on Adelphi's website.

For more information, please visit islandphoto.com or contact Island Photography at 800.869.0908.

Capture and share your moment using
#AdelphiGrad2015.

Show off your creativity by posting a photo of your decorated cap using

#AUGradCaps2015.

And remember to tag us @AdelphiU.

Applying for Graduation and Commencement

Graduation and Commencement may sound like they're one and the same, but these terms refer to two different events. Graduation is the process of being awarded a degree. Commencement is the ceremony—with caps and gowns and “Pomp and Circumstance”—that celebrates graduates receiving their degrees. Participating in Commencement does not automatically mean you have received your degree. (See page 22.) **You need to apply for both graduation and Commencement.** If you don't apply for graduation, you will not receive your diploma or your degree, even if you've completed all the degree requirements. The deadline to apply and have your name appear in the Commencement program is March 25, 2015. If you miss that date, you still have until May 1, 2015, to register for graduation, but your name **will not** appear in the Commencement book.

Apply for **graduation** by filling out the application online at class.adelphi.edu/graduation or download a printable application form at ecampus.adelphi.edu/registrar/pdf/graduation-application.pdf. You will then have the option to register for **Commencement** by filling out the online Commencement Application at adelphi.edu/commencement/apply. Please see page 23 if you are credits short of graduation.

Caps and Gowns

Participation in Commencement requires the appropriate academic attire. At Adelphi, this means our custom brown cap and tassel and a gown with a gold embroidered Adelphi seal and hood of your discipline. (Students receiving associate degrees are not required to wear a hood.)

The best time to purchase your graduation regalia is during Adelphi's annual Grad Fair, which will take place April 21–22 at the Adelphi University Bookstore, adelphi.edu/bookstore, or at the Manhattan Grad Fair on April 28 and May 2. You'll be able to pre-order your class ring and purchase your required graduation attire, souvenir tassels and diploma frames and a Stole of Gratitude. With the Stole of Gratitude tradition, you can show your appreciation to a parent, professor or other special person in your life by wearing a stole over your robe during graduation and presenting it to them afterward.

At the fair, you can also get a jump on your life as an Adelphi alum by joining our Alumni Association at alumni.adelphi.edu.

Students at Adelphi's other off-campus centers may choose to purchase their attire at the bookstore or have it shipped to their respective center. Students attending the off-campus centers may also have their attire shipped to their homes. Order forms are on the website adelphi.edu/commencement.

Pricing Packages

Associate's cap, gown and tassel \$50

Bachelor's cap, gown, hood and tassel \$75

Master's cap, gown, hood and tassel \$80

Souvenir tassel (optional) \$7.98

Stole of Gratitude (optional) \$25.98

Senior Events

Commencement isn't the only place for undergraduates to celebrate their success. Our senior events include:

Senior Barbecue: Monday, April 27, 2015 • 12:00 noon –2:00 p.m., Levermore Lawn

Senior Formal: Friday, May 1, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.–11:30 p.m., at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. Cocktail reception, dinner, drinks and dancing. Tickets are \$40 per person for Class of 2015 graduating seniors and guests (one guest per AU senior). Formal attire is required.

Parent/Senior Dinner: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m., at The Inn at New Hyde Park. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for parents and include cocktail reception, dinner, cash bar and dancing. Semiformal attire is required. For more information on senior events, please visit the Center for Student Involvement Senior Site at students.adelphi.edu/sa/csi/seniors.



Commencement Day

The Processional starts at 9:00 a.m. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts for two and a half to three hours.

Order of Ceremony

8:00 a.m. Candidates arrive and line up according to school and, within each school, by degrees. Each school is led by a faculty marshal carrying the school's banner, followed by faculty, then candidates for Certificates of Advanced Graduate Studies, followed by candidates for master's, bachelor's and, finally, associate degrees. The schools process in order of their founding dates.

9:00 a.m. Student/Faculty Processional begins

9:45 a.m. Platform party procession

10:00 a.m. Ceremony commences

Greetings from President Robert A. Scott

Invocation

National anthem

Greetings from Robert B. Willumstad '05 (Hon.), chairman of the board of trustees

Greetings from Gayle Insler, Ph.D., provost and senior vice president for academic affairs

Greetings from Devin G. Thornburg, Ph.D., chair of the faculty senate

Greetings from the president of the Class of 2015

Greetings from the 2015 graduate student representative

Conferring of honorary degrees

Keynote speech

Recognition of the 50th reunion class

Presentation of Alumni Award

Conferring of degrees

"Alma Mater"

Benediction

Recessional

For more information, see adelphi.edu/commencement.



Jeh Charles Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security and former Adelphi University trustee, was the keynote speaker at the 2014 Commencement, where he received an honorary doctorate.

For Graduates

What to Bring

- Photo ID
- Your robe, cap, tassel and hood
- Yellow photographer's card provided by Island Photography that you received when you picked up your cap and gown. Remember to have it filled out. You will hand it to the announcer onstage, who will announce your name.
- Courtesy! Turn off your cellphone. Put your camera aside until after the ceremony. (See Photography, page 11.) After you've shaken President Robert A. Scott's hand, please return to your seat. The last graduate is just as important as the first and deserves the same respect and attention.

When to Arrive

Please arrive by **8:00 a.m.**

Where to Go

Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum is located at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike in Uniondale. (See Travel Information, pages 14–15.) Enter the Coliseum through Gate 5. Proceed down the escalator to the lower level, turn right and right again into the Expo Center. Ushers and marshals—dressed in black robes—will be on hand if you have any questions.

If you are a student with a disability and wish to request reasonable accommodation, you should contact the Office of Disability Support Services at **516.877.3145** or **dss@adelphi.edu**.



For Guests

What to Bring

- Photo ID
- Camera—but wait until after the ceremony to take photos.
(See Photography, page 11.)

What Not to Bring

- Backpacks or large bags
- Food. Guests are not permitted to bring food or beverages into the Coliseum.

When to Arrive

Commencement starts at 9:00 a.m. with the student procession. But it's a good idea to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to leave time for traffic on the roads and congestion heading into the Coliseum parking lot and to find a seat.

Where to Go

Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum is located at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike in Uniondale. (See Travel Information, pages 14–15.)

There are more than 6,000 parking spaces, which means you won't have trouble finding a space. Parking is free. Just remember where you park!

After 8:00 a.m., guests can enter the Coliseum through Gates 7–10 and then proceed to the seating area. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Where to Sit

On page 10, you'll see a diagram of Nassau Coliseum that is color-coded to show you where each school will be seated on the floor. Find where your graduate will be seated, then head for a section close by. The names of the schools are also painted on the floor around the perimeter of the floor seating.

The Coliseum is an oval, with the stage at the right end of the oval, and Sections 107–112 at the other end of the oval. Although there are three levels of seating at the Coliseum, only the first level, the 100s, is shown. For instance, Section 102 is closest to the floor; directly behind it is Section 202; behind that is Section 302.

The entire Commencement can be viewed on a four-sided video screen ceiling-mounted above the center section of the floor seats. When your graduate goes up on stage to be announced and congratulated by the dean, the president and a member of the board of trustees, you'll see that image projected on the screen.

If you are a guest with a disability, see Information for People With Disabilities on page 11.

Nassau Coliseum

This color-coded map shows where the graduates will sit according to school.

College of Arts and Sciences—near Section 102

College of Nursing and Public Health—near Section 103

School of Social Work—near Section 104

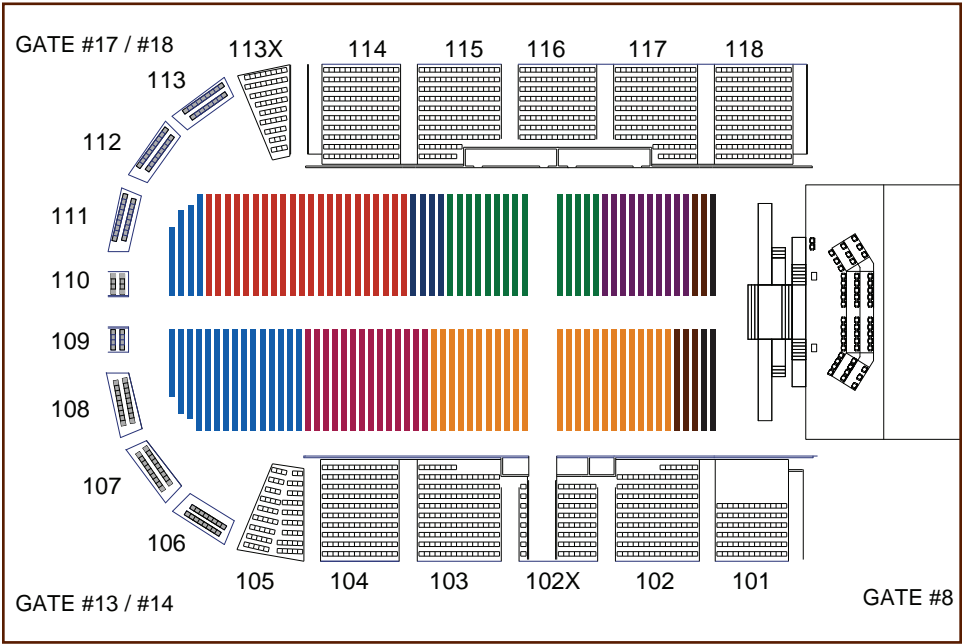
Gordon F. Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies—near Section 118

Robert B. Willumstad School of Business—near Section 117

Ruth S. Ammon School of Education—near Sections 114 and 115

University College—near Section 116

The student processional enters at the opening in Section 102X.



Photography

Island Photography will be taking photographs of all graduates, who will be photographed at three different points. Proofs will be emailed and mailed to your home within a week after the ceremony, and you can decide which images to order. We request that family photographs be taken after the ceremony. The Commencement ceremony will later be broadcast on Adelphi's website.

Information for People With Disabilities

Family members and guests with disabilities are welcomed and encouraged to attend Commencement.

Wheelchair-Accessible Seating

Wheelchair-accessible seating is located in Rows K and L of Sections 202, 206 and 209 and is clearly marked. Seating in these sections is general admission, first come, first served, and no reservations are required.

Wheelchair seating areas are solely for a guest using a wheelchair and his/her companion.

Please note that Adelphi University and Nassau Coliseum do not have wheelchairs available for Commencement. Guests interested in renting a wheelchair for the ceremony are encouraged to contact a home healthcare supplier in the area. It is strongly suggested that guests with mobility limitations consider using assistance devices.

Adelphi's Office of Disability Support Services is here to help you. Contact them at **516.877.3145** or **dss@adelphi.edu**.

Mobility Limitations

Suggested seating for guests with mobility limitations is Rows K and L of Sections 201, 203–205, 208 and 210–219. Seating in these sections is general admission, first come, first served, and no reservations are required.

Accessible Parking

Accessible parking is located on both the north and south sides of the Coliseum and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A state or local handicap parking permit or license plate is required.

Elevator

The elevator to access the lower level Coliseum Expo Center for student robing, lineup and procession is located at Gate 5, next to the main security office.

(Information for People With Disabilities, continued)

Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

There will be American Sign Language interpretation of the opening remarks and speeches of the Commencement exercises. Guests requiring visual access to the interpreters must reserve seating three weeks in advance. For reservations, email dss@adelphi.edu or call 516.877.3145.

Restrooms

There are public restrooms designed to accommodate guests with disabilities conveniently located throughout the Coliseum concourse and in the lower lobby.

Transportation to Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum

Shuttle Service

Adelphi provides shuttle service between the Hempstead Long Island Rail Road station and the Coliseum between **7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015**. After the ceremony, buses will transport you back to the train station. Students should indicate on the Online Commencement Application if transportation is needed.

Buses will be provided to meet passengers traveling on trains that arrive at the Hempstead train station between 7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Buses will be departing the Coliseum, back to Hempstead terminal, beginning at approximately **1:00 p.m.** (at the conclusion of the ceremony). All pickups will be on the south side of the Coliseum.

Buses will be departing the Coliseum and heading to the Hempstead terminal to coincide with trains departing between 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

There will be no reserved seats; all transportation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be no transportation provided from the Adelphi campus to the Coliseum.





Travel Information

Directions to Nassau Coliseum

Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
1255 Hempstead Turnpike
Uniondale, NY 11553
Phone: 516.794.9300

Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum is located at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike in Uniondale, which is most easily reached from the Meadowbrook Parkway exit M4.

FROM EASTERN LONG ISLAND (SOUTH SHORE)

Sunrise Highway to Southern State Parkway to exit 22N (Meadowbrook Parkway north) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM EASTERN LONG ISLAND (NORTH SHORE)

Long Island Expressway (I-495) west to Northern State Parkway to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM QUEENS

Grand Central Parkway, which turns into the Northern State Parkway, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM MANHATTAN

Brooklyn-Battery (Hugh L. Carey) Tunnel to Belt Parkway; proceeding east to the Southern State Parkway, to exit 22N (Meadowbrook Parkway north) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

OR

Queens-Midtown Tunnel to Long Island Expressway (I-495) east to exit 38, Northern State Parkway, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

OR

Robert F. Kennedy-Triborough Bridge to Grand Central Parkway, which turns into the Northern State Parkway, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM BROOKLYN

Belt Parkway to Southern State Parkway east to exit 22N (Meadowbrook Parkway North) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM THE BRONX

Robert F. Kennedy-Triborough, Whitestone or Throgs Neck bridges to Queens; pick up the Grand Central Parkway east, which turns into the Northern State Parkway, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM STATEN ISLAND

Verrazano Narrows Bridge to Belt Parkway east to Southern State Parkway (25A) to exit 22N (Meadowbrook Parkway north) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM UPSTATE NEW YORK

New York State Thruway to the Throgs Neck Bridge to Queens; pick up the Grand Central Parkway east, which turns into the Northern State Parkway, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) to the Throgs Neck Bridge, to the Long Island Expressway east (I-495) to exit 38, the Northern State Parkway east, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM WESTCHESTER

Route 95 to the Throgs Neck Bridge, to the Long Island Expressway east (I-495) to exit 38, the Northern State Parkway east, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM SOUTHERN OR CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Turnpike to exit 13, Goethals Bridge, across the Verrazano Narrows Bridge to Belt Parkway east to Southern State Parkway (route 25A) to exit 22N (Meadowbrook Parkway north) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum

FROM NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

George Washington Bridge to Robert F. Kennedy-Triborough Bridge to the Grand Central Parkway east, which turns into the Northern State Parkway, to exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway south) to exit M4; follow signs to Nassau Coliseum



Scan to see a map of Nassau Coliseum.
Nassau Coliseum GPS: 40.723258,-73.590719

Hotels/Motels*

Floral Park Motor Lodge

30 Jericho Turnpike
Floral Park, NY
516.775.7777

The Garden City Hotel

45 Seventh Street
Garden City, NY
516.747.3000

Hampton Inn & Suites

125 Merrick Road
Rockville Centre, NY
516.599.1700

Hampton Inn Garden City

1 North Avenue
(If using GPS, use
700 North Avenue.)
Garden City, NY
516.227.2720

Hilton Garden Inn Westbury

1575 Privado Road
Westbury, NY
516.683.8200

Holiday Inn Westbury

369 Old Country Road
Westbury/Carle Place, NY
516.997.5000

Homewood Suites by Hilton

40 Westbury Avenue
Carle Place, NY
516.747.0230

Hyatt Place Garden City

5 North Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.222.6277

La Quinta Inns & Suites Garden City

821 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.705.9000

Long Island Marriott

(adjacent to Nassau
Coliseum)
101 James Doolittle
Boulevard
Uniondale, NY
516.794.3800

Red Roof Inn

699 Dibblee Drive
Garden City, NY
516.794.2555

The Rockville Center Inn

415 Ocean Avenue
Lynbrook, NY
516.593.1600

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Restaurants*

Here are some restaurants popular with Adelphi students and staff. You'll find a range of price categories, cuisines and general ambience.

C=Casual; I=Informal; F=Formal

Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza (C/I)

137 Old Country Road
Carle Place, NY
516.877.7750

Asian Moon

(I, Asian fusion)
825 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.248.6161

Ben's Kosher Deli/Restaurant (C/I)

Country Glen Center
59 Old Country Road
Carle Place, NY
516.742.3354

B.K. Sweeney's Uptown Grille

(I, American steakhouse)
636 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.746.3075

Calageros (I, Italian)

(across from Kings Supermarket)
919 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.294.2922

City Cellar Wine Bar & Grill (I)

(across from Target)
1080 Corporate Drive
Westbury, NY
516.693.5400

Crabtree's Restaurant (I, American)

226 Jericho Turnpike
Floral Park, NY
516.326.7769

Grimaldi's Pizzeria (C/I)

980 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.294.6565

Houston's (I, American classics)

Roosevelt Field Mall
630 Old Country Road
Garden City, NY
516.873.1454

La Bottega Italian Gourmet

(C, Italian)
147 Nassau Boulevard
Garden City South, NY
516.486.0935

Leo's Midway (C, pub)

190 Seventh Street
Garden City, NY
516.742.0574

The Lucky Duck

(C, Italian)
9 Nassau Boulevard
Garden City South, NY
516.485.4848

McDonald's (C)

637 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.745.6303

Novita Wine Bar & Trattoria

(I, modern Italian)
860 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.739.7660



Orchid (I, Chinese)
730 Franklin Avenue, #2
Garden City, NY
516.742.1116

**Polo Steakhouse at the
Garden City Hotel**
(F, Continental)
(jacket and tie required)
45 Seventh Street
Garden City, NY
516.877.9385

Public House 55 (C/I)
53-55 New Hyde Park Road
Garden City, NY
516.328.8326

Rialto (I/F, Italian)
588 Westbury Avenue
Carle Place, NY
516.997.5283

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse (F)
600 Old Country Road
Garden City, NY
516.222.0220

Seasons 52 (C/I)
Roosevelt Field Mall
630 Old Country Road
Suite L102
Garden City, NY
516.248.5252

Seventh Street Cafe
(I, Italian)
126 Seventh Street
Garden City, NY
516.747.7575

Subway (C)
Roosevelt Field Mall
630 Old Country Road
Garden City, NY
516.739.2287

Sushi Ya (C/I, Japanese)
949 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.873.8818

Uncle Bacala's (C/I, Italian)
2370 Jericho Turnpike
Garden City Park, NY
516.739.0505

Walk Street Restaurant
(I, new American bistro)
176 Seventh Street
Garden City, NY
516.746.2592

Walk Street Tavern
(C/I, pub)
1218 Jericho Turnpike
New Hyde Park, NY
516.216.1610

Waterzooi
(I, Belgian bistro)
850 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.877.2177

West End Café (I, eclectic)
Clocktower Shopping Center
187 Glen Cove Road
Carle Place, NY
516.294.5608

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Hospitals

Winthrop-University Hospital

259 First Street
Mineola, NY
516.663.0333

Nassau University Medical Center

2201 Hempstead Turnpike
East Meadow, NY
516.572.0123

Drugstores

CVS Pharmacy

820 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.877.1865

Walgreens

1300 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.535.1201

Florists

Country Arts in Flowers

535 Hempstead Turnpike
West Hempstead, NY
516.483.3363

Feldis Florists

160 Seventh Street
Garden City, NY
516.747.3330

Shopping

Best Buy

1100 Old Country Road
Westbury, NY
516.357.9025

Target

999 Corporate Drive
Westbury, NY
516.222.1003

Roosevelt Field Mall

630 Old Country Road
Garden City, NY
516.742.8000

Walmart

1220 Old Country Road
Westbury, NY
516.794.7280

Sears

1111 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY
516.873.3700

Taxi Services

All Island Taxi of Mineola

Mineola, NY
516.742.2222

SUV-ME

Private car service
917.417.8402

Ollie's Taxi & Airport Service

Franklin Square, NY
516.437.0505





Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the difference between graduation and Commencement?

A: Graduation is the process of being awarded a degree. Students expecting to receive a degree must first apply for graduation. Fill out the Graduation Application online or download a printable application form. Students who have completed degree requirements but who have not applied for graduation will not receive a diploma, nor will the degree be conferred.

The Commencement ceremony is held each May after the spring semester concludes and is the event in which the achievement of the degree is recognized and celebrated by the University community and the students' friends and families. All students wishing to participate in the Commencement exercises must fill out the online Commencement Application.

Q: I don't plan to attend the ceremonies. Do I need to apply for graduation?

A: Yes! Students who have completed degree requirements but who have not applied for graduation will not receive a diploma nor will the degree be conferred. For more information, please go to ecampus.adelphi.edu/registrar/graduation.php.

Q: If I walk in the May ceremony, does that mean I graduated?

A: No. Participation in the Commencement ceremony does not mean you have met all requirements for graduation and are entitled to be awarded a degree at the time. Certification of transcripts must be completed before a degree is officially awarded.

Q: What if I am an August 2014, December 2014 or January 2015 graduate?

A: You should attend the May 2015 Commencement.

Q: When and where do I purchase my cap and gown?

A: The best time to purchase your cap and gown is during the Grad Fair, April 21–22 at the Adelphi University Bookstore in Garden City. If you can't make it to the Grad Fair, you may purchase your academic attire package at the bookstore until May 18. You may also pre-order your class ring, purchase your diploma frame, get all your Adelphi alumni gear and sign up for the Alumni Association. Giveaways and raffles will be going on during the Grad Fair.

Manhattan Center students will have their own Grad Fair on April 28 and May 2.

Students attending the Hauppauge and Hudson Valley centers should contact their Commencement coordinator for academic attire order forms (Hauppauge: Linn Cartagena, **516.237.8604**; Hudson Valley: Debbie Perez, **845.471.3348, ext. 8103**). Completed forms are sent to the Adelphi University Bookstore in Garden City, with the option to pick up the attire in Garden City or have it shipped.

Q: Will honors cords, ribbons or pins be provided with my academic regalia?

A: No. You must contact your honor society regarding any special honors regalia.

Q: If I am not due to graduate until August, am I permitted to walk in May?

A: To be eligible to participate in the May Commencement ceremony, undergraduate students scheduled to fulfill requirements for graduation in August must fulfill three criteria:

- The undergraduate student is within 12 credits of completion.
- The student will fulfill all remaining requirements by the end of summer session at Adelphi University.
- The student is registered for the required classes. NOTE: If a particular course needed to graduate is not offered in the summer session, the student may not participate in the May Commencement ceremonies.

If the student fulfills the above three criteria, the next step is to download, print and complete a Request to Participate in Graduation Ceremonies at adelphi.edu/faculty/pdfs/graduationform.pdf, obtain the required signatures and submit it to the Office of Academic Services and Retention in Levermore Hall, Room 303.

Q: What time should students arrive at the Coliseum?

A: Students are asked to report to the Expo Center on the lower level of the Coliseum on Thursday, May 21, promptly at 8:00 a.m. Enter through Gate 5 in academic robes with photo ID.

Q: How do I wear the robe, cap, tassel and hood?

A: Please watch the video “Preparing for Your Graduation Ceremony” at adelphi.edu/grad-prep. The video discusses the ceremony guidelines and shows you how to wear your academic attire. Associate degree candidates do not wear hoods. Since you will be photographed in your robe, it’s a good idea to remove it from the packaging and hang it up to remove wrinkles—a light pressing with a warm iron may be necessary.

Q: Tassel—right or left?

A: Undergraduate candidates: Tassels go on the right side of your cap before you graduate. Near the end of the main ceremony, President Robert A. Scott will announce the conferring of degrees and instruct you to “Move your tassels!” The undergraduates, joyfully and in unison, move their tassels to the left.

Master’s candidates: Tassels go on the left side. You do not move the tassel; it remains on the left before, during and after graduating.

(Frequently Asked Questions continued)

Q: Do guests need tickets?

A: No. Guests do not need tickets for the Commencement ceremony at Nassau Coliseum.

Q: What time does the ceremony begin?

A: At the Coliseum, the student procession begins at 9:00 a.m. and the ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m.

Q: How long is the ceremony?

A: Two and a half to three hours long

Q: Are there food and beverages for the guests?

A: Guests are not permitted to bring food or beverages into the Coliseum. Food and drink are sold at Coliseum concession stands during the ceremony.

Q: May parents and guests sit near their graduate?

A: Yes. Graduates will be seated by school in the floor section of the Coliseum. View the diagram of Nassau Coliseum to have an idea in which section you'd like to sit. See page 10 for more information, including a diagram of the floor layout that shows student seating.

Q: Will I have my photo taken when I receive my degree?

A: Graduates will be photographed at three different points by Island Photography. Proofs will be emailed and mailed to your home within a week of the ceremony, at which time you may order your copy. A purchase may be made if you wish, but the final selection of photographs is an individual choice. It is important that you provide updated contact information on the yellow photographer's card so that your photos are sent to the correct address. The customer service number for Island Photography is **800.869.0908**.

Q: Where's my diploma?

A: Each degree candidate will be handed a diploma case upon arrival at the stage for the portrait photo. Degrees are officially awarded after certification of transcripts and the printing of the diplomas. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates six to eight weeks after the degree is conferred. Again, you must apply for graduation. Students who have completed degree requirements but who have not applied for graduation will not receive a diploma, nor will the degree be conferred. Diplomas will not be mailed to students with holds on their accounts.

Q: Will there be a sign language interpreter at the ceremony?

A: There will be American Sign Language interpretation of the opening remarks and speeches at the ceremony at the Coliseum. Guests requiring visual access to the interpreters must reserve seating three weeks in advance. For reservations, please email **dss@adelphi.edu** or call **516.877.3145**. Seating is restricted to students and guests who are deaf/hearing impaired.

Q: We don't want to drive—is it possible to get there using public transportation?

A: Yes. Use planes, trains, subways or buses. Make your final destination the Hempstead LIRR station and we'll pick you up. Adelphi buses and vans depart from the Hempstead LIRR station from approximately 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. for any student and/or guest requiring transportation to Nassau Coliseum. The buses will also be available for transportation back to the Hempstead LIRR station after the ceremony. Students should indicate on the online Commencement Application form if transportation is needed.

Q: What time will guests be permitted to enter the Coliseum on Commencement day?

A: The doors will open at 8:00 a.m.

Q: My guests require special assistance. What accommodations are available, and where can I find more information?

A: If you or your guests require special assistance, please see the information available on the Web page of the Office of Disability Support Services, students.adelphi.edu/sa/dss.

Q: What is the parking availability at the Coliseum?

A: Parking is free, and there are more than 6,000 parking spaces.

Q: Will my Adelphi email account terminate after I graduate?

A: If you continue to use your account and log in monthly, it will never terminate.

Q: Where can I order diploma frames, class rings and Adelphi commemorative items?

A: All items are available at the Adelphi University Bookstore. The best time to purchase them is at the Grad Fair. Visit adelphi.edu/bookstore for more information.

Q: How may I request additional copies of the Commencement program?

A: If, after the Commencement ceremony, you would like additional copies of the program, simply send an email to kmunkenbeck@adelphi.edu or call 516.877.3480. You may request multiple copies.

Q: I have other questions—whom do I call?

A: Questions about your degree or diploma: Office of the University Registrar, 516.877.3300 or, from a campus phone, ext. 2210. All other questions: Call the Commencement Office at 516.877.4695.

About Adelphi University

Adelphi University, a pioneering private university, draws upon the liberal arts tradition of a small personalized education while offering nationally recognized undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. Adelphi’s vision goes beyond simply imparting knowledge and skills to empowering students with the ability to think critically and act thoughtfully. Our dedicated faculty prepare students for rewarding professions and richer lives.

Through its schools and programs—the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Nursing and Public Health, the Gordon F. Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies, the Honors College, the Robert B. Willumstad School of Business, the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education, the School of Social Work and University College—the coeducational university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as professional and educational programs for adults. Adelphi University currently enrolls nearly 8,000 students from 35 states and 42 foreign countries. The University has its main campus in Garden City and centers in Manhattan, Hauppauge, Sayville and the Hudson Valley.

For Our Alumni

As an alum of Adelphi University, you are an integral and vital part of the Adelphi community. As such, you are eligible for a variety of benefits and services. See alumni.adelphi.edu/programs-benefits-services/discounts-benefits for more information.

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If you have not contributed and would like to do so, there is still time to participate and create a legacy for the benefit of Adelphi. Make your gift to the Senior Legacy Campaign today by visiting adelphi.edu/slc.



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