Spring 2019 Commencement Ceremony

Graduation will be here before we know it! Below is information regarding our spring commencement ceremony and the events preceding the ceremony.

**Wednesday, May 1st**
- 3:00 pm  Graduation practice at the Curtis Memorial Community Center
- 5:30 pm  Picnic at “The Barn”
- 7:00 pm  Awards ceremony in the Ed Center Auditorium (Belt Buckle ceremony immediately following)

**Thursday, May 2nd**
- 1:00 pm  Line up for graduation (west side of the Community Center)
- 1:30 pm  Ceremony begins
- Reception following the ceremony

If your plans regarding the attendance of the ceremony have changed please notify Vicky Luke as soon as possible. All students who will be participating in the ceremony will need to attend graduation practice. Practice will begin promptly at 3 pm for a quick run through. You will need to notify Vicky if you are unable to attend practice. Students, faculty, staff and their immediate families are welcome to attend the picnic.

Graduation is a formal event and we ask that each graduate dress accordingly. Official protocol for caps and gowns is that nothing can be worn on the outside of the gown except Honor Cords or a PTK stole (no flowers, pins, ribbons, etc.). **Drinks/water bottles are not allowed at practice or at the ceremony.**

Students will be allowed to decorate the top of their caps if they choose to do so. All caps must be appropriately decorated and brought to graduation practice for approval. If your cap is deemed inappropriate you will not be allowed to wear it in the ceremony. Cap decorations will be monitored prior to the ceremony.

Please take into consideration the following rules when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap at the ceremony. Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in the ceremony without a cap and gown.
Caps should not:
- 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.
- 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.
- Be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
- Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap. 3-D creations are prohibited.

It is appropriate to put the following on your cap:
- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the university you will be transferring to
- Your graduation year
- Recognize the major you are graduating in