

Attendance Guidelines and Safety Protocols for 2021 Graduation Events

The following guidelines will apply to these graduation and end-of-year events:

- Awards Program and Ascension Ceremony (Friday, May 7, 8 a.m., RCC)
- Baccalaureate (Friday, May 7, 7 p.m., RCC)
- Rose & Sabre Ceremony (Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m., RCC and Senior Gate)
- Commencement (Saturday, May 8, 3 p.m., RCC)
- Senior Reception after Commencement (Saturday, May 8, Dining Hall)

General Guidelines and Safety Protocols:

- Attendance at the events above will be limited to the families and invited guests of the Class of 2021 only.
- While no specific limit on guest invitations will be imposed on senior families for Baccalaureate, Rose & Sabre, Commencement, and the Reception, we appreciate your thoughtful consideration of all families involved and your mindfulness in following our safety guidelines (and encouraging your invited guests to do so as well).
- Guests at any event should self-screen for covid symptoms or exposure [as recommended by the CDC](#) and should not attend an event if increased risk is indicated.
- Use of facial coverings (masks) is **strongly encouraged**; however, an individual may remove the mask **while seated in the auditorium**.
- Skipping of rows is not required, but guests are strongly encouraged to leave an open seat between each family group.
- We encourage families to avoid congregating in the foyer before and after the events and to observe social distancing when outside the venues.

Awards Program/Ascension Ceremony Restrictions:

Because the Awards Program and Ascension Ceremony on the morning of May 7 is held on a school day and involves all students in grades 6-12 as well as our Middle and Upper School faculty, guest attendance at this event will be limited as follows:

- Each senior will be provided with six tickets for family members. These printed tickets will be given to the seniors the week before the event for distribution.
- A printed ticket will be required at the door for guest entry.
- Guest seating will be reserved at the back of the auditorium in marked rows.
- All safety protocols outlined in the sections above must be followed, and guests will be dismissed at the end of the event and asked to leave campus immediately in order for our students to return safely to their classes.

Notes: 1) Attendance at the [Campus Cruise](#) on May 6 will be open to all invited family and friends of the Class of 2021. Guests will park their cars along the parade route and should maintain social distancing throughout the event. 2) We will be posting videos of the graduation events for those who are not able to attend in person.