

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Spring 2018 COMMENCEMENT
HANDBOOK

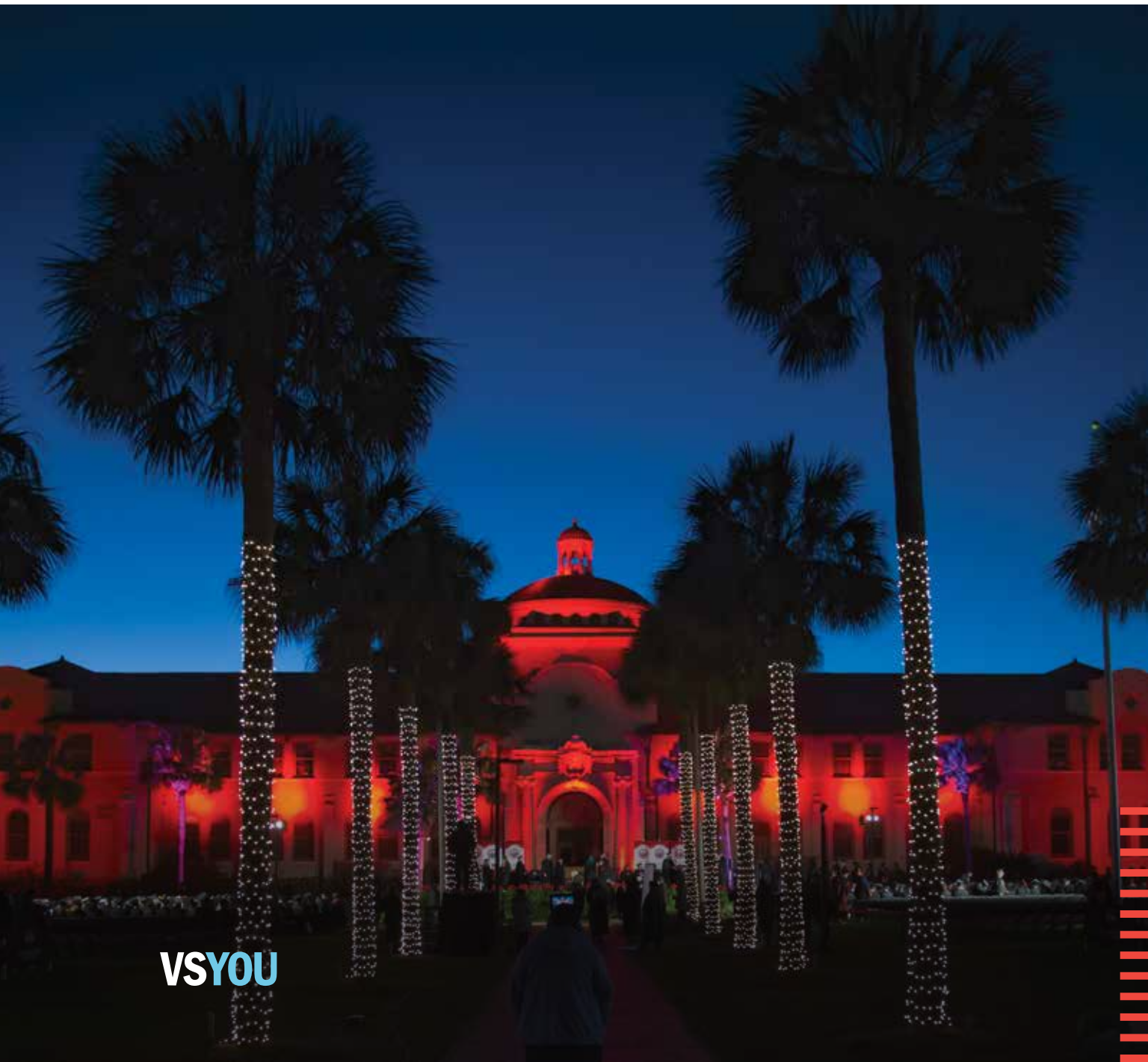
Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5

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TO THE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2018,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in Valdosta State University's Commencement ceremonies on May 4th and 5th. This is our opportunity to congratulate you, our graduates, and thank those who have supported you throughout your journey.

This handbook has been developed with you and your family in mind. In the following pages you will find a wealth of information about the Commencement ceremonies. I encourage you to take a moment to look carefully at the detailed information, including the location and time you will need to assemble prior to the ceremonies.

I look forward to a time of celebration and to offering my congratulations personally at Valdosta State University's 2018 Commencement.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Richard Carvajal
President



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OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 5** Order your official class ring, 10:00AM-2:00PM & 4:00PM-6:00PM, Student Union Bookstore
- March 6** Order your official class ring, 10:00AM-2:00PM & 4:00PM-6:00PM, Health Sciences and Business Administration, Lobby
- March 7 - 8** Grad Finale, 10:00AM-5:00PM, Student Union Bookstore, 1st Floor
- March 12** Honor Graduates can pick up Honor Medallions at the Registrar’s office with photo ID
- March 21** Spring Career Expo, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Student Union
- March 29** Education Career Day, 10:00AM-2:00PM, University Center North, Magnolia & Cypress Rooms
- March 30** Final day to order official VSU Announcements Online
- March 30** Last day to order your regalia online in time for Spring Graduation
*Also available to purchase at the bookstore through graduation.
- April 4** Last day to apply for graduation
(In order to have your name in the Commencement program)
- April 4** Deadline to submit alternate graduation attendance form (early walker form) to the Registrar’s office
- April 11** FREE Cap & Gown Picture Day, 10:00AM-1:00PM, VSU Front Lawn
*Inclement weather date ONLY April 12
- April 12** Health Professionals Career Expo, 2:00PM-5:00PM, North Campus
- April 26** Last Chance Job Fair, 6:00PM-8:00PM, Student Union Rotunda
- April 27** Mayhem (end your college experience with a little Mayhem!), 6:00PM-10:00PM, VSU Front Lawn
- April 30** Midnight Breakfast, 10:00PM-12:00AM, Palms Dining Center
- May 4** Last chance to pick up Honor Medallion at the Registrar’s office before 3:00PM
- May 6** Residence Halls close at 7:00PM for all students walking in the Spring Commencement Ceremony

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday, May 4

Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony

10:00AM • Student Union Theatre

College of Nursing & Health Sciences Convocation

1:00PM • Student Union Ballrooms

Graduate School Commencement Ceremony

All Masters, Specialists & Doctoral candidates will walk at this time.

5:00PM • PE Complex

Check In & Line Up

3:30PM

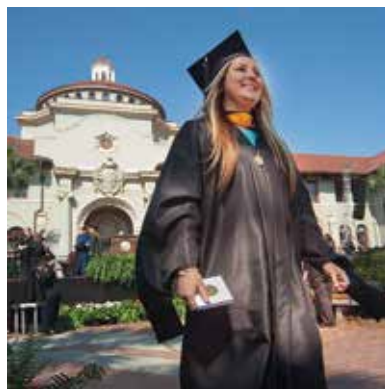
- Arrive to the PE Complex (2ND Floor) no later than **3:30PM** to check-in and line up. Faculty Marshals will be there to direct you, and ensure an efficient lineup process.
- Make sure to bring your necessary graduation attire (cap, gown, hood and tassel).
- Once the processional has left, no graduates will be permitted to join the lines.
- Leave all personal belongings at home; there will be no place to store these items during the ceremony.

Receiving Your Diploma Cover

- After the President's speech, students will be asked to approach the stage and follow directions by the Faculty Marshals.
- Please proceed up the right side of the stage, entering the stage from the back.
- Hand your name card to the reader, and your name will be called.
- Hand your hood to the faculty advisor.
- Take time to POSE FOR PICTURES when being hooded and when shaking the president's hand.
- You will exit stage to the left.
- Follow the Faculty Marshals directions to your seat.

Recessional (leaving the ceremony)

- After the ceremony, there will be no recessional. All the graduates will stay in their seats until after the celebration. Once the celebration is over, your family and friends can join you on the floor for pictures!



Saturday, May 5

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Commissioning Ceremony

9:00AM • Student Union Ballrooms

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

All Associates and Bachelor's degree candidates will walk at this time.

7:00PM • Front Lawn • *(PE Complex in case of severe weather)*

Check In & Line Up

5:30PM

- **College of the Arts:** Meet in Nevins Hall 1st Floor - North Hallway
 - **College of Arts & Sciences:** Meet in Nevins Hall - Room 1061 & 1065
 - **College of Business:** Meet in Bailey Science Center - Room 1023
 - **College of Education:** Meet in Bailey Science Center - Room 1011 (Auditorium)
 - **College of Nursing:** Meet in Bailey Science Center- Room 1024
- Faculty Marshals will be there to direct you, and ensure an efficient lineup process.
 - Do not be late to line up! Be there at **5:30PM** with all of your necessary graduation attire (cap, gown, and tassel).
 - Once the processional has left, no graduates will be permitted to join the lines.
 - Leave all personal belongings at home; there will be no place to store these items during the ceremony.
 - Please pay attention to the weather for the day of Commencement: You will be walking from Nevins and Bailey, plan accordingly.
 - Please take into consideration when choosing your attire that you will be walking on sidewalks, brick walkway and grass.

Recessional (leaving the ceremony)

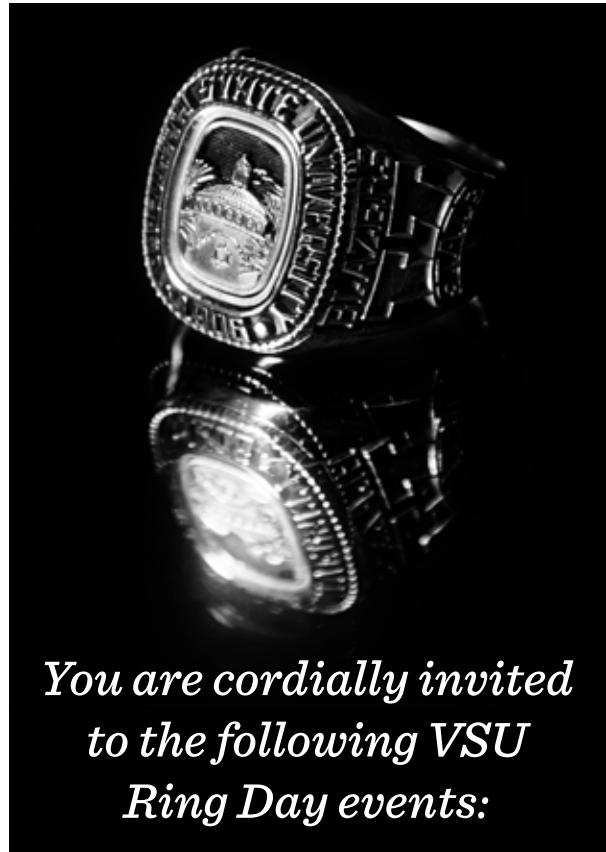
- After the ceremony, you will not recess out. All the graduates will stay in their seats for the firework show. Once the firework show is over, your family and friends can join you for pictures!

Congratulations!

The VSU Alumni Association is pleased to announce that you are eligible to purchase the official VSU class ring! Each year, students who have earned 60 or more credit hours become eligible to purchase the beautiful VSU ring or pendant as a symbol of achievement and University pride.

The VSU Alumni Association will host a reception in your honor and personally present your ring to you at the **Ring Presentation Ceremony on Tuesday, May 1st at 5pm.**

Payment plan options and extremely discounted prices through Jostens will only be available during VSU's official ring days.



You are cordially invited to the following VSU Ring Day events:

Monday, March 5
UNIVERSITY UNION BOOKSTORE
10 AM - 2 PM & 4 PM - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 6
HEALTH SCIENCES AND BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION LOBBY
10 AM - 2 PM & 4 PM - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 7
UNIVERSITY UNION BOOKSTORE
10 AM - 5 PM

Thursday, March 8
UNIVERSITY UNION BOOKSTORE
10 AM - 5 PM

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD VENDORS • PAINT PARTY • CARNIVAL GAMES • GIANT INFLATABLES

Mayhem

Music Festival



Valdosta State University Front Lawn
April 27th 6:00pm - 10:00pm

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Amy Carter

Amy Carter has held many titles over the course of her life. From State Representative to educator to mother of two, Carter has proven herself to be a passionate advocate for education, economic development, and rural Georgia. Carter represented House District 175, which includes Brooks County and parts of Lowndes and Thomas counties, in the Georgia General Assembly from November 2006 until December 2017. During her service, Carter served in numerous leadership capacities including Floor Leader for Governor Nathan Deal, Chairman of Governmental Affairs, and, later, Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. Carter also served as the chair of the Governor's Teacher Advisory Commission in 2016 and was a member of the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs, Education, Governmental Affairs, Higher Education, and the Small Business Development committees.

During her time at the State Capitol, Carter committed herself to addressing a number of important issues including: decreasing dropout rates, expanding Georgia's Pre-K program, improving technology in classrooms, and championing measures to support law enforcement and corrections officers.

Outside of her legislative accomplishments, Carter has dedicated her career to the betterment of her home: rural Georgia. Carter began her career as a Business and Office Technology Instructor at Valdosta Technical College and, most recently, served as a teacher at Lowndes High School. An educator at LHS for over sixteen years, Carter worked diligently to prepare sophomores, juniors, and seniors for future positions in the field of education. In addition, working alongside local businesses, Carter championed programs aimed at ensuring students have the soft skills necessary to succeed in the working world. Recognized as a leader and innovator within the field of education, Carter has leveraged her invaluable experience as an educator to fight tirelessly to ensure every Georgia child receives a world-class education, regardless of zip code. In recognition of her efforts in education, she has received the Lowndes County Schools Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Educators Legislator of the Year Award, and the Georgia School Counselors Association Legislator of the Year Award.

A graduate of Valdosta State University and a member of the Phi Mu Fraternity, Carter's roots run deep within her community. She is an alumna of Leadership Lowndes and Leadership Georgia and serves on the First Lady's Children's Cabinet. She is also a former member of the Valdosta-North Rotary Club and a sustaining member of the Valdosta Junior Service League. Her community involvement has earned her a number of recognitions including: Valdosta Woman of the Year in 2002, the inaugural Leadership Georgia Dale Threadgill Community Service Award in 2004, the 2011-12 Liberty Bell Award by the Valdosta Bar Association, the Loyce W. Turner Public Service Award in 2012, the Above and Beyond Award from 4-H in support of Youth Development Education in 2012, and Brooks County Woman of the Year in 2014. Carter also holds an Honorary State FFA Degree and was named as one of only four "Power Women" in the state by Georgia Trend Magazine in 2013. Carter completed her tenure as a State Representative in December of 2017 and now serves as the Executive Director of Stewardship and Development for the Technical College System of Georgia.

Amy Carter loves spending time with her family in her hometown of Valdosta, Georgia where she serves faithfully as a Deacon of First Christian Church.

VSU Grad Finale

SPRING 2018



≡ *Your one-stop shop for all*
≡ *graduation preparation!*

WHEN:

Wednesday,
March 7, 2018
10:00am – 5:00pm



Thursday,
March 8, 2018
10:00am – 5:00pm

WHERE:

Valdosta State University
Student Union Bookstore
1st Floor

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QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Event Services

Email: commencement@valdosta.edu
www.valdosta.edu/commencement

- Pickup your Spring 2018 commencement handbook.
- Purchase, pickup and save 10% on your cap & gown.
- Check your graduation status.
- Check out VSU graduate programs.
- Have a professional graduation photo taken by GradImages.
- Order the official class ring & announcements.
- Join the 1906 Society to receive your red & black cords.
- Join VSU's Alumni Association.
- Receive info about financial assistance.
- Sign-up for amazing door prizes!
- Pre-order your commencement DVD.
- Save 10% on diploma frames.

GENERAL OVERVIEW



Grad Finale

Booths from the Commencement Office, Alumni Association, Registrar, Career Opportunities, and more will answer questions and provide crucial information to Spring graduates. Vendors for regalia, class rings, professional photography, and others will also be on hand to ensure a successful graduation experience. Snacks for attendees will be provided and several prize drawings. The event is **Wednesday, March 7**, and **Thursday, March 8**, from 10:00AM–5:00PM in the VSU Bookstore, 1st floor of the Student Union.

Attendance

The university encourages attendance by all Spring 2018 candidates. This semester, VSU will hold two ceremonies. The **Graduate Commencement Ceremony** will be held **Friday, May 4, 2018** at 5:00PM at the P. E. Complex. The **Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony** will be held **Saturday, May 5, 2018** at 7:00PM on the front lawn of main campus. Candidates and guests are asked to remain at the ceremony for its entirety. The university appreciates your attendance and cooperation.

Application for Degree

All undergraduate candidates must submit an Application for Degree to the Registrar's Office. The form should be submitted at least two semesters prior to their intended graduation date. Graduate students should submit an Application for Degree at least one semester prior to the intended graduation date.

Alternate Graduation Information (Degree Cutoff and Early and Late Walkers)

Valdosta State University holds two graduation ceremonies each year: at the end of fall and spring terms. Participating in a graduation ceremony should signify that students have completed all degree requirements at the time of that ceremony. If students request to participate in an earlier or later graduation ceremony, they must provide documentation explaining why they are unable to participate in their scheduled commencement. Even if students participate in an alternate ceremony, their

official graduation date will be for the graduation scheduled AFTER they have completed all degree requirements. *Also, honors recognition cannot be granted in the alternate graduation ceremony.* A form must be completed and submitted one month before requested ceremony.

Summer 2018 Graduates

Graduates from Summer 2018 will have their names included in the printed programs for the Fall 2018 Commencement Ceremonies. The graduates and their guests are welcome to attend.

Graduation with Honors

Three levels of graduation honors recognize exceptional students qualifying for the bachelor's degree. These honors are based upon all academic work attempted, including all courses attempted at other institutions. A minimum of 60 semester hours of academic work, including any student teaching, must be successfully completed in residence at Valdosta State University. Credit by examination or exemption will not be included in the work considered for residence.

Cum Laude for an overall grade point average of **3.50** and a VSU cumulative average of **3.50**.

Magna Cum Laude for an overall grade point average of **3.70** and a VSU cumulative average of **3.70**.

Summa Cum Laude for an overall grade point average of **3.90** and a VSU cumulative average of **3.90**.

Eligible students will be notified by mail and will be asked to stop by the Office of the Registrar to obtain a medallion signifying their academic achievement. Fall graduates will be notified in early October of their eligibility. The medallion should be worn at the commencement ceremony.



Address Information

Diplomas will be mailed to candidates who complete all graduation requirements. Candidates for graduation should contact their graduation auditor in the Registrar's Office to make any necessary changes in their diploma mailing address.

Participant/Guest Attire

All ceremony participants must wear regalia. We suggest that you wear nice clothing under your gown. In general, dress with an eye to comfort and the weather. Low heels or flats are appropriate for navigating the different terrain. Opt for slacks and button down shirts for men, and slacks/skirts/sundresses for women. Sunglasses and hats could also prove useful. Umbrellas are NOT allowed in seating areas.

Tickets

Tickets are not required for the Commencement ceremonies. Seating for guests at Commencement ceremonies is on a first-come, first served basis. As the ceremonies are heavily attended, we recommend that family members arrive early and be seated no later than 45 minutes before each ceremony.



Seating

Since seating is open, we kindly ask that seats not be saved by any means other than someone sitting in the seat. If you bring balloons, ribbons, bags, etc., to attach to chairs in an attempt to save multiple seats, a faculty marshal or other member of the Commencement staff will ask you to remove them. Large video screens will be set up to make viewing the ceremony easy for everyone.

Guests With Accessibility Needs

Interpreter services are provided by the VSU Access Office to ensure all guests enjoy a comfortable and accessible Commencement. Accessibility seating is available at both ceremony locations (see maps on page 20-23) on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff/volunteers will be available at the ceremony to guide you to seating or bathrooms. VSU does not provide walkers, wheel chairs or accessible devices.

Students With Accessibility Needs

Students with a disability who require assistance for the commencement ceremonies should contact the Access Office at 229.245.2498 at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Webcast

The Graduate School Commencement ceremony and Undergraduate Commencement ceremony will be viewable live online under the Commencement website. Click the 'Live Webcast' tab to access the live stream.

Parking & Transportation

Parking is available at the Sustella Parking Deck and the Oat St. Parking Deck. Shuttle buses will be available on both Friday and Saturday from the parking decks listed above. Shuttles will begin service up to three hours before the event is scheduled to begin. Please refer to the map on page 20 for a complete schedule and locations.



Event Services Office

PHONE 229.333.5998 • WEB www.valdosta.edu/commencement

Severe Weather (Undergraduate Ceremony)

Please note that the ceremony will remain outside rain or shine; however, in the event of severe weather, the undergraduate ceremony scheduled to take place on the front lawn will be moved to the PE Complex (401 Baytree Road) at the below times:

1:00PM
College of Education & Human Services
College of Nursing & Health Sciences

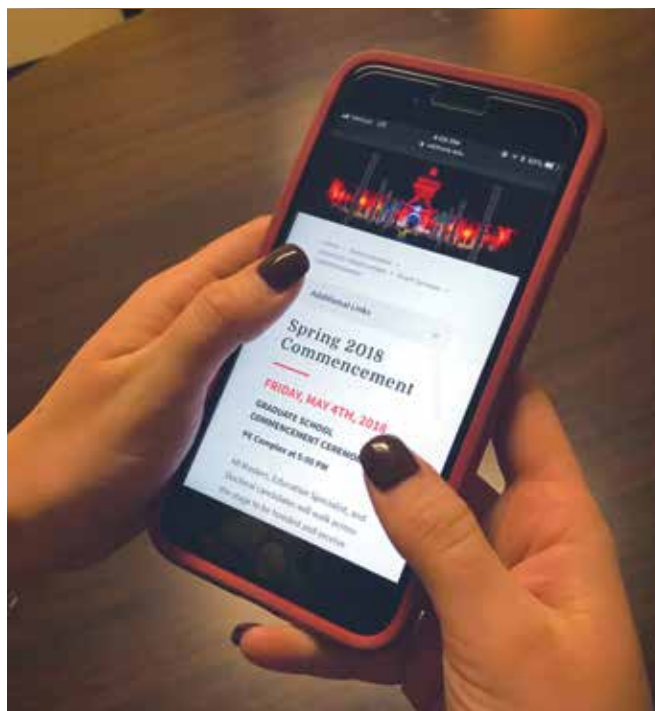
4:00PM
College of Business Administration
College of the Arts

7:00PM
College of Arts & Sciences

If the weather is uncertain and you are unsure of the location of the event, check the VSU Commencement webpage, or sign up for text alerts beforehand to be personally contacted of any changes. (see map on page 22).

Text Message Alerts for Commencement

Valdosta State University offers a complimentary early alert system for all Commencement attendees. The system is designed to inform you, via text message, if any of the ceremonies have been moved due to severe weather or any unexpected circumstance. Sign up at www.valdosta.edu/commencement/commencement-text-alerts.php



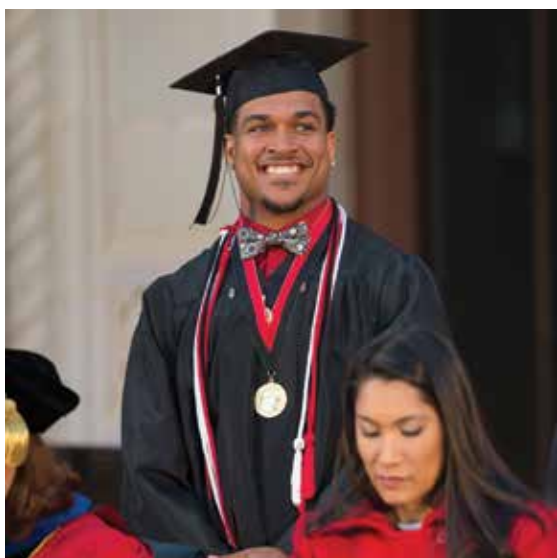
PURCHASE YOUR...



Regalia

All graduating students must purchase and wear Valdosta State University regalia from the VSU Bookstore.

- Bachelors Cap, Gown w/School Custom Zipper Pull, Tassel w/School Custom Charm (\$59.00)
- Masters Cap, Gown w/School Custom Zipper Pull, Hood, Tassel w/School Custom Charm (\$103.00)
- Specialist Cap, Gown w/School Custom Zipper Pull, Hood, Tassel w/School Custom Charm (103.00)
- Doctors Tam, Gown w/School Custom Zipper Pull, Tassel w/School Custom Charm, Hood (\$212.00)



DVD

Pre-order your Commencement Ceremony DVD online at <http://community.valdostastate.org/commencement-dvd> for \$30.00.

Professional Pictures/Photography

Grad Images, the official photographers, will take three individual photos of each graduate: before crossing stage, shaking hands with the president (and as they are hooded for graduate school), and after with diploma. **Proofs of these photos will be sent to the student's VSU email address along with information about ordering prints.** Follow ordering instructions or visit the Commencement website for more information. Services provided by GradImages Photography (1.800.261.2576).

Announcements

Jostens is the official provider of VSU's graduation announcements. You can go to the Commencement website for pricing information and to order online.



Valdosta State License Plate

When it's time to renew your license plate, think VSU! The VSU Foundation receives \$10 of every sale and renewal from license plates. For more information about your new VSU License Plate, visit your local tag office.

VSU Alumni Gear

The VSU Bookstore can meet all of your alumni gear needs! The VSU Bookstore will be open Friday, May 4, 2018 from 8:30AM-6:00PM and Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00AM-5:00PM.



Know before you go...

- Bring *Commencement Handbook*
- Subscribe to Commencement text alerts for weather/location updates.
- Check the website for latest updates
- Check **weather.com** for forecast
- Don't forget to confirm hotel reservations
- Make restaurant reservations
- Bring camera
- Bring ponchos
- Plan your attire, according to the weather.
- Pre-Order Commencement Ceremony DVD
- Buy Alumni gear at the VSU Bookstore
- Take note of these prohibited items: signs, umbrellas, noise makers, balloons.



Indoor Viewing of the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

Bailey Science Center Auditoriums

1011 - Located on the 1st floor

3009 - Located on the 3rd floor

See Map on Page 22

Refreshments at the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

There will be several locations on the Front Lawn to purchase food and drinks before and during the ceremony.

Flowers for Graduates

Be on the lookout at the PE Complex and the VSU Front Lawn for flower sales for your graduate on their special day.

Getting to Valdosta State University from the Valdosta Airport

When leaving the airport, take a right onto Airport Road. At the stop sign take a left onto Madison Highway. When Madison Highway dead ends, take a left onto South Patterson St. After overpass, road veers to the right, taking you onto South Ashley Street. Take left onto Magnolia Ave. and then right onto N. Patterson St. As you near the campus, take a left onto Brookwood Dr. which will take you straight into the Oak St. Parking Deck.

Getting to Valdosta State University via Interstate 75

Follow Interstate 75 to Exit 18 and head east into Valdosta. Turn left at the second traffic signal onto Gornto Rd. At the next traffic signal, turn right onto Baytree Rd. Follow Baytree Rd. until it dead ends into VSU's campus. Take a right on Oak St. at the dead end and then take another right at the first light taking you into the Oak St. Parking Deck and surface lot.



Congratulations Seniors!

I know the light at the end of the tunnel is shining bright, and as you prepare for your next step in life, with your VSU degree in hand, we invite you to join the 1906 Society! This is your opportunity to make a difference today in the lives of those that will be at VSU tomorrow!

The 1906 Society is a student giving organization that is dedicated to the continued growth and development of VSU through individual gifts from seniors and graduate students. With your gift to the 1906 Society, your donation will be used to fund an annual scholarship to help offset the cost of tuition for an incoming freshman.

In commemoration of Valdosta State's founding year, we ask graduates to donate \$19.06. Your gift may exceed this amount; however gifts of any size can make a difference to the students that receive the scholarship.

As a member of the 1906 Society, you will receive a red and black graduation cord and be recognized at commencement!

For more information and to join the 1906 Society, call VSU's Director of Annual Giving, Merritt Wall at **229.245.4329** or email her at **emwall@valdosta.edu**.

Class of 2018,

Congratulations on reaching this momentous milestone in your life, and welcome to the Valdosta State University Alumni Association!

You are joining over 60,000 fellow Blazers who proudly represent our alma mater across the country and around the world. Commencement activities will allow you and your families to celebrate this noteworthy accomplishment.



The primary role of the Alumni Association is to provide you a means to stay connected with fellow alumni and to your VSU family as you enter this next phase of life. Your lifetime membership in the VSU Alumni Association is automatic and free of charge. We encourage you to become involved with one of the four Alumni Association Chapters (Atlanta, Middle Georgia, Golden Isles, and Valdosta) and take advantage of the many opportunities to stay involved with VSU.

We hope you stay involved with Valdosta State and let us celebrate your future successes with you. Your graduation is only the beginning of your VSU experience.

You can update your information on our website by creating your alumni association membership profile at <https://community.valdostastate.org/Login>.

Please visit the VSU alumni website at valdostastate.org or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 229.333.5797.

Congratulations on your significant accomplishment. Go Blazers!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Hansen
Class of 1995
President, VSU Alumni Association

WELCOME TO THE VSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Don't forget to update your contact information at <https://community.valdostastate.org/My-Profile>

Benefits available to members of the VSU Alumni Association include:

- Opportunities to join Alumni Chapters in locations throughout the region;
- Regional Alumni Receptions throughout Georgia and North Florida, offering an opportunity to meet and network with other VSU Alumni;
- The potential to serve on the Association's board of directors

On Homecoming Weekend each year, alumni are invited to return to campus for an exciting weekend.

Events include:

- Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
- VSU Homecoming Parade
- Alumni Tailgate Party
- Distinguished Alumni Dinner

ON-CAMPUS BENEFITS

- Transcript Release Forms
- 20% discount on items at the **VSU Bookstore**.
- Alumni membership at the **Student Recreation Center (SRC)**. Call the SRC at 229.333.5898 to learn about fees and hours of operation.
- Full user privileges at the **Odum Library** on main campus.
- Career counseling and services offered to all VSU Alumni. Career testing is a free service provided to alumni up to one semester after graduation. After the one-semester grace period, alumni receive a discount off the fee assessed to cover the cost of the testing materials. Please contact the Career Opportunities office for details at 229.333.5942.

VSU ALUMNI CHAPTERS

To become involved in one of our Alumni Chapters, or if you are interested in starting an Alumni Chapter, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 229.333.5797.



CHAPTERS:

- Alumni Chapter of Atlanta
- Middle Georgia Alumni Chapter
- Golden Isles Alumni Chapter
- Alumni Chapter of Valdosta

Visit our website for alumni advantages including:

- Nationwide Insurance® Alumni Discount
- AmazonSmile
- First Bankcard
- Valdosta State License Plate
- VSU Voyagers Travel Program — explore the world together with your fellow Blazers!

www.valdostastate.org/benefits/welcome.php

Follow VSU Alumni on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram



Facebook

www.facebook.com/vstatealumni



Twitter

@vstatealumni



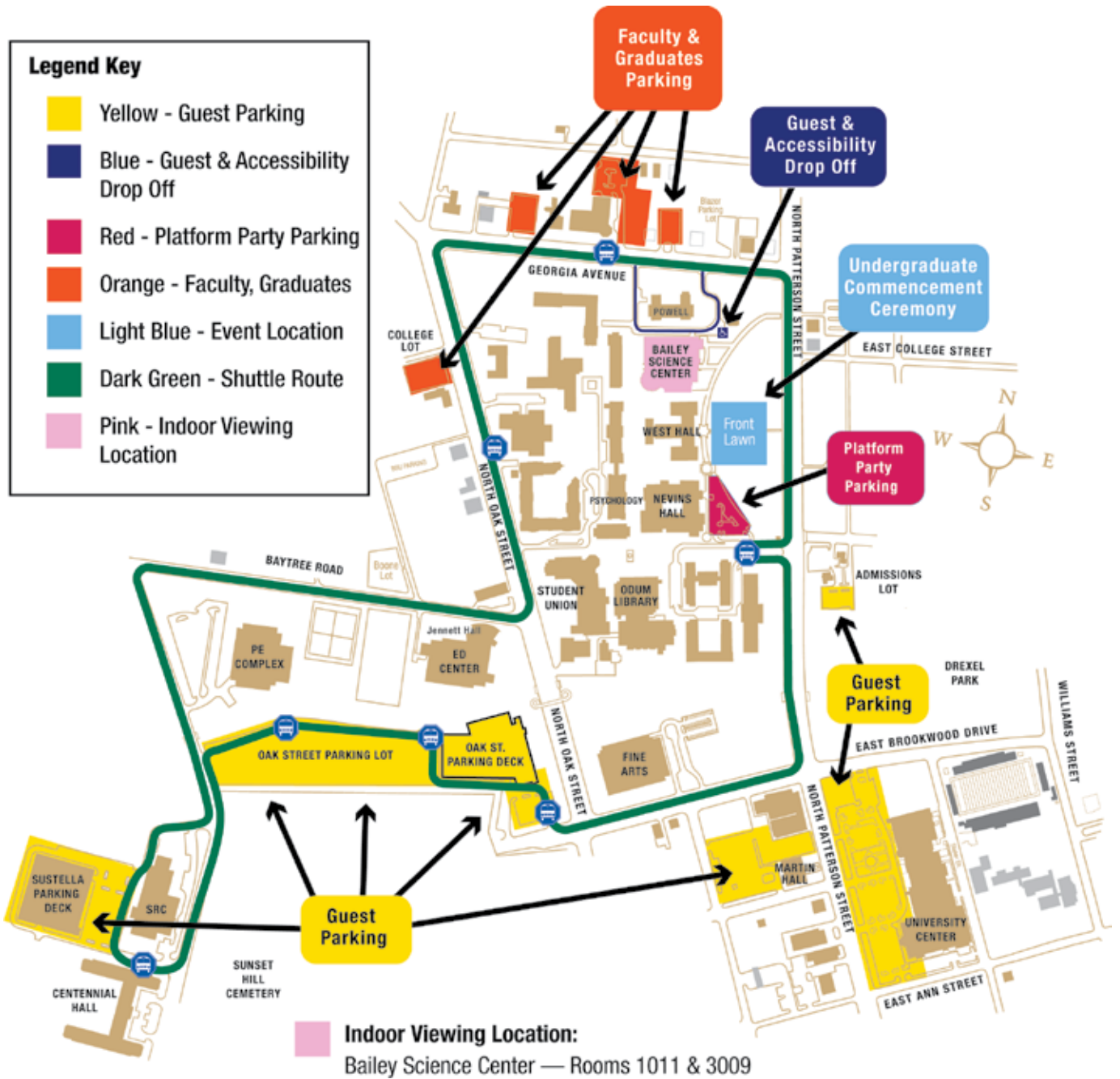
Instagram

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Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony – Front Lawn

Legend Key

- Yellow - Guest Parking
- Blue - Guest & Accessibility Drop Off
- Red - Platform Party Parking
- Orange - Faculty, Graduates
- Light Blue - Event Location
- Dark Green - Shuttle Route
- Pink - Indoor Viewing Location



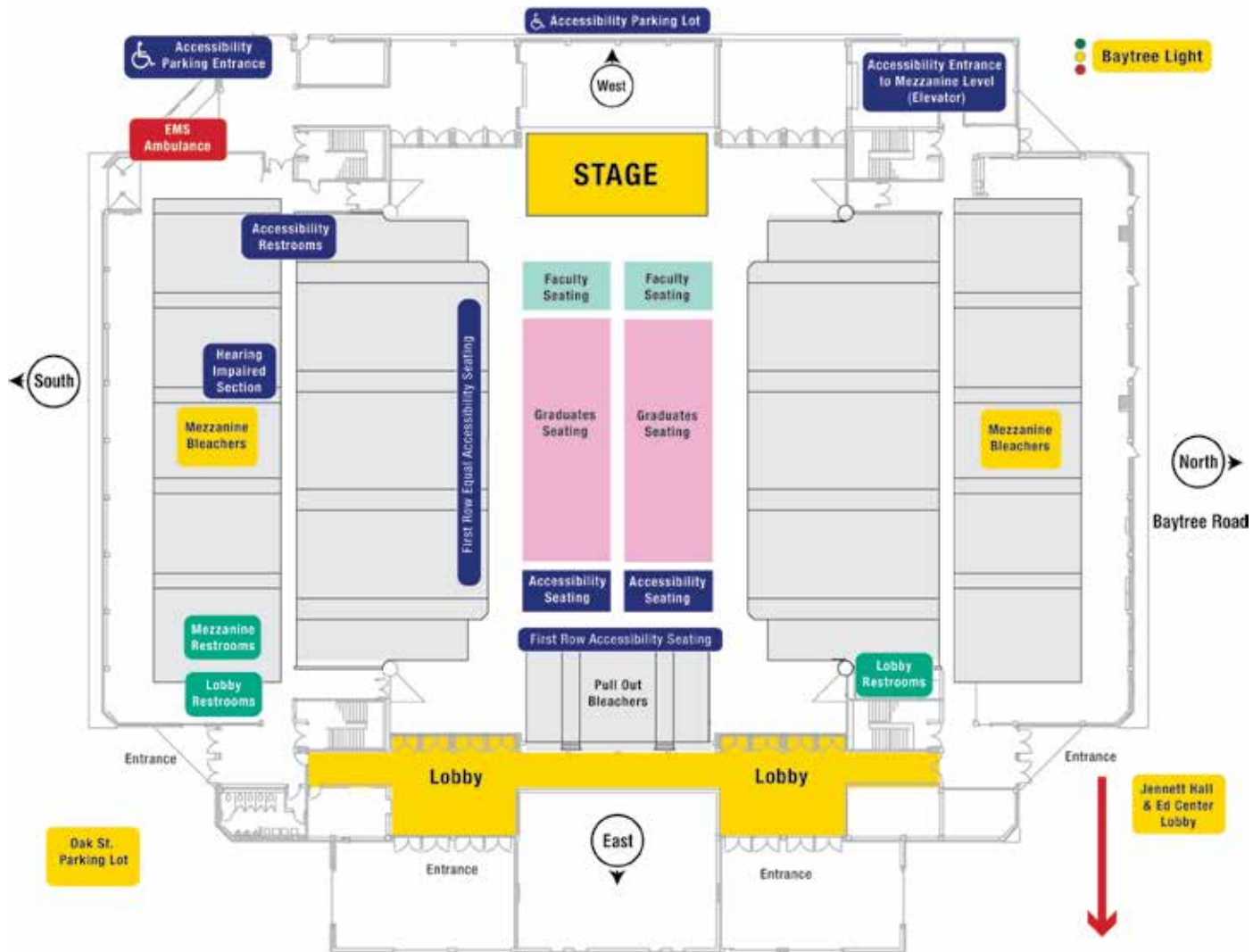


Processional	Platform Party Parking	Restrooms
Shuttle Drop Off	Guests Seating	First Aid
Guest & Accessibility Drop Off	Faculty & Graduates Seating	H2O Station

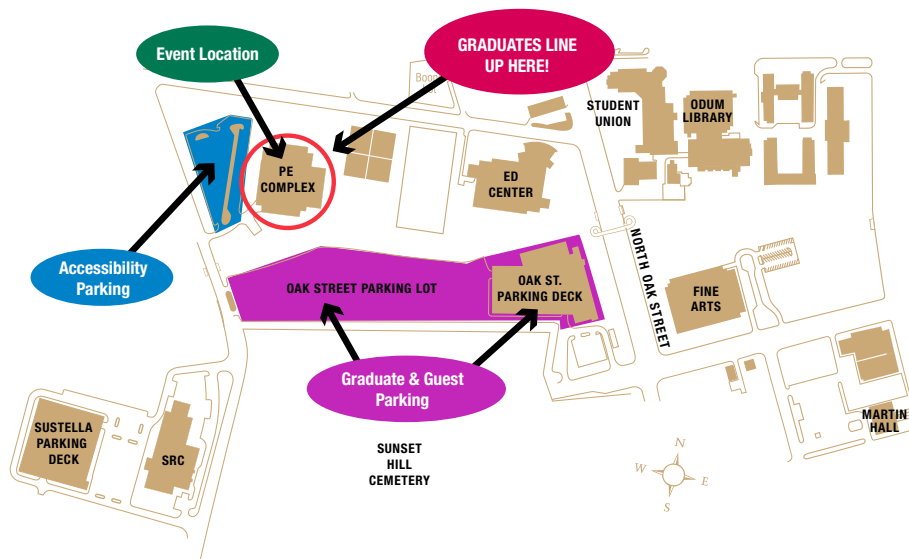


Graduate Commencement Ceremony – PE Complex

Severe Weather backup Site for Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony



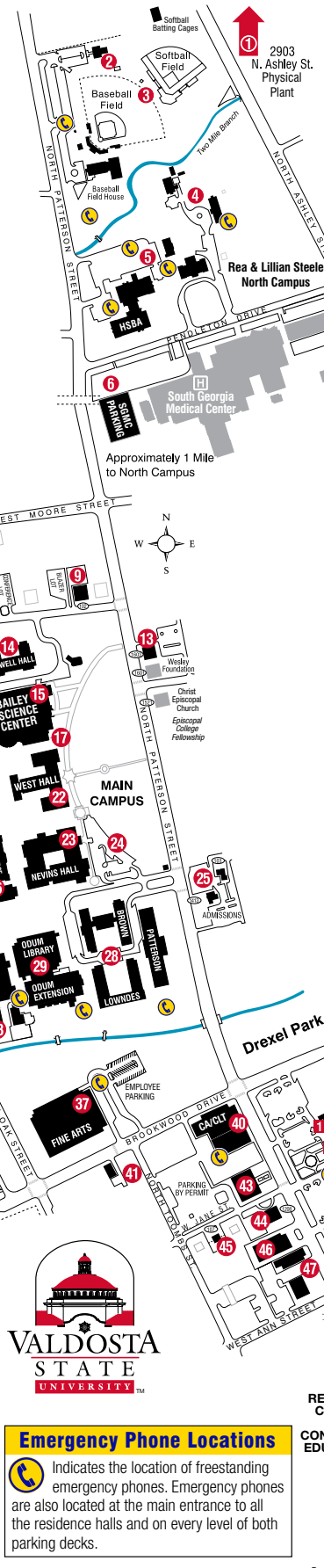
Event Location & Parking



VSU Campus Map

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- 38 Football Field
- 39 University Center
- 40 Communication Arts / Curriculum, Leadership & Technology Bldg, Mass Media Bldg.
- 41 Radio House
- 42 Information Technology
- 43 University Police
- 44 Martin Hall—STEAM Center
- 45 Office of Social Equity
- 46 Vacant
- 47 Printshop
- 48 Auxiliary Services
- 49 Kinetic Credit Union
- 50 RCCE
 - Marriage & Family Therapy
 - Student Recreation Center
 - Sustella Parking Deck
- 51 Centennial Residence Halls
- 52 Student Rec Sports Complex
- 53 Athletic Field House
 - Football Offices & Practice Fields
 - Soccer Offices & Stadium
 - Jessie Tuggle Weight Room



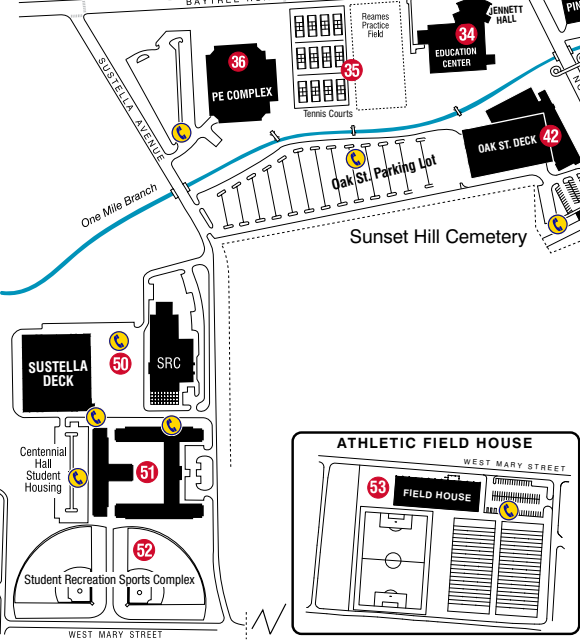
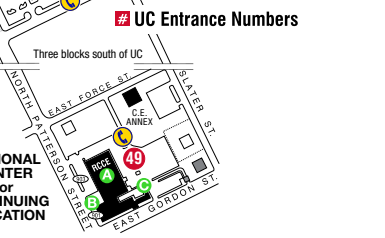
DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS

- 5 Thaxton Hall
 - 106 SBDC
 - 214 Economics & Finance
 - 314 Student Advising Center
- 5 Pound Hall
 - 121 Political Science
 - 206 Management
- 5 HSPA Bldg
 - 11th Martin & Laura Lynn Miller Family Clinic (Speech & Hearing)
 - Classrooms & Labs
 - 2nd Social Work, Comm Sci & Dis
 - 3rd Dean LCOBA & Faculty Offices
 - 3017C Accounting
 - 3002N Mkt & International Business
 - 3002L Mgt & Healthcare Admin
 - 4th College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Athletic Training, Exercise Physiology
- 14 Powell Hall
 - E Testing
 - W Office of Communications IT Services (Temp)
- 15 Hugh C. Bailey Science Center
 - Biology | Chemistry
 - 1036 Dean CAS
- 16 Langdale Hall
 - Langdale POD Market
 - Student Success Center
- 18 Farbar Hall
 - Access Office
 - Orientation
 - University Ambassadors
 - Continuing Ed. (Temp Spring 2017)
- 21 Ashley Hall
 - 1001 History
 - 1001 Women's & Gender Studies
 - 1202 Philosophy & Religious Studies
- 22 West Hall
 - Academic Affairs
 - President
 - 101 Legal Affairs
 - 124 Academic Projects
 - 128 Modern & Classical Lang.
 - 207 English
 - 229 Public Administration
- 23 Nevins Hall
 - 1004 SACJ
 - 1107 African-American Studies
 - 2006 PAG
 - 2070 Computer Science
 - 2072 Mathematics
- 26 Converse Hall
 - Psychology & Counseling Dept.
 - Graduate School
- 27 Hopper Hall
 - Blazer Sports Grille
 - Campus Mail Window & Boxes
 - Housing & Residence Life
 - SGA | Spector | WVS
- 29 Odum Library
 - 4600 Library & Information Studies
 - 4370 Archives & Special Collections
 - IT HelpDesk
 - New Media Center
- 30 Student Union
 - Level 1
 - Bookstore | Tech Shop
 - Level 2
 - Bookstore | Food Court
 - Level 3
 - Dean of Students | Student Life
- 33 Pine Hall
 - Under Renovation
- 34 Education Center
 - Einstein Bros Bagels
- 78 ETC
- 87 Middle, Secondary, Reading & Deaf Education
- 166 Early Childhood & Spe Ed
- 212 ACE
- 227 Dean COE
- 36 PE Complex
 - Athletics
 - 165 K & PE
- 37 Fine Arts Bldg
 - 1070 Art
 - 2004 Dean COA
 - 2016 Music
 - 2086 Theatre
- 39 University Center
 - Entrance 1
 - Meeting Rooms
 - Dogwood | Live Oak | Rose | Willow
 - UC Theater
 - 3103 Employee & Org Development
 - Entrance 2
 - Meeting Rooms
 - Cypress | Executive Dining | Magnolia
 - Event Services
 - Food Court
 - Information Desk
 - Entrance 3
 - Jewelry & Metals
 - Dance Studio
 - Printmaking | Sculpture
 - Entrance 5
 - Career Opportunities
 - Financial Services | HR/EOD
 - Procurement | Registrar
 - VP Finance & Admin
 - Entrance 6, 7
 - Information Desk
 - Entrance 8, 9
 - 2037 So Ga College Entry Program
 - Entrance 10
 - Interior Design | Graphic Design
 - 40 Comm Arts / Curriculum, Leadership & Technology Bldg.
 - Mass Media Bldg
 - 42 Oak St Deck — Level 2
 - Information Technology
 - Office of the CID
 - Enterprise Applications & Analytics
 - Systems Operations
 - Infrastructure Services (S Network)
 - Institutional Research
 - University Police
 - 49 RCCE—Continuing Education
 - Building A
 - 1st Floor
 - Continuing Education
 - 2nd Floor
 - Learning in Retirement
 - CS Photography Studio
 - 3rd Floor
 - University Advancement
 - Advancement Services
 - Alumni Relations
 - Development
 - VSU Foundation, Inc.
 - Building B
 - Creative Services (CS)
 - Digital Media (Mkt, Web & Video)
 - Marriage & Family Therapy
 - Family Works
 - Building C
 - Creative Services (CS)
 - Design & Photography
 - C.E. Annex
 - A106, A107, A108
 - 50 Sustella Deck — Level 1
 - Campus Recreation Rental Center
 - Parking & Transportation



Emergency Phone Locations

Indicates the location of freestanding emergency phones. Emergency phones are also located at the main entrance to all the residence halls and on every level of both parking decks.





*'Mong the stately pines of Georgia
Glorious to the view
Stands our noble Alma Mater
Basking 'neath the blue.*

*Alma Mater, thee we honor
Praises never fail,
For thy fame shall never perish,
Red and Black — all hail!*

*Alma Mater's sons and daughters
Ever will be true.
Always to thy heart returning
Dear old V.S.U.*

*Alma Mater, thee we honor
Praises never fail,
For thy fame shall never perish,
Red and Black — all hail!*

Words by Helen Allen Thomas ('21) and Evelyn Brown ('24)
Music by Dr. John Huxford, Professor Emeritus of Music
Arranged for brass quintet by Kenyon Wilson



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