

ROBERT MORGAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER

GRADUATION

2024



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Ocean Bank Convocation Center at  
Florida International University

1180 S.W. 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

Graduates: Arrive at 7:30 AM

Doors open for guests at 8:00 AM

Guests need to be seated by 8:45 AM

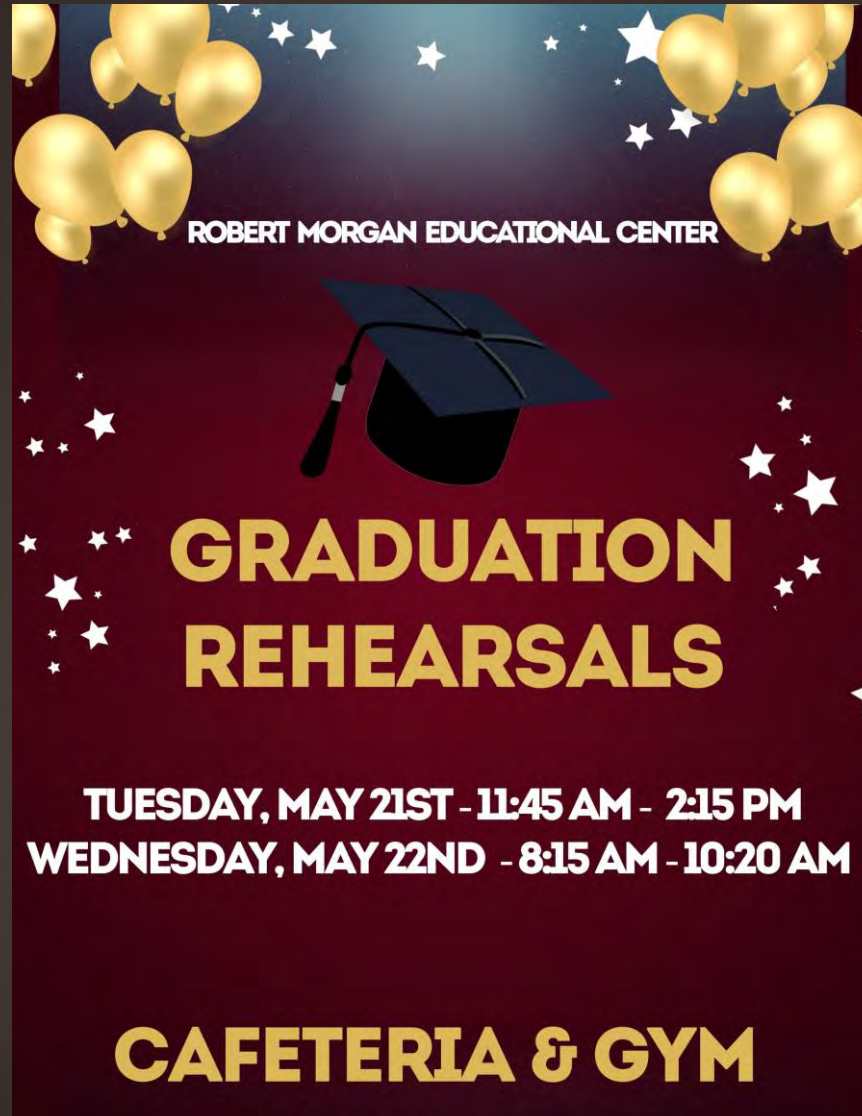
Doors close at 8:50 AM

*Rain, Hail, Sleet or Snow*

*Graduation will begin at 9:00 AM*



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A vertical poster for graduation rehearsals. The top section features a dark blue background with white stars and several gold balloons. Below this, the text 'ROBERT MORGAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER' is written in white. The middle section has a dark red background with white stars and a black graduation cap with a tassel. The main title 'GRADUATION REHEARSALS' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, the dates and times are listed in white: 'TUESDAY, MAY 21ST - 11:45 AM - 2:15 PM' and 'WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND - 8:15 AM - 10:20 AM'. At the bottom, the location 'CAFETERIA & GYM' is written in bold, yellow letters.

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**GRADUATION  
REHEARSALS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 21ST - 11:45 AM - 2:15 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND - 8:15 AM - 10:20 AM**

**CAFETERIA & GYM**

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## PROGRAM

Processional.....	Instrumental
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Ajish Glasford Class of 2024 President
National Anthem.....	Joshua Myrie
Welcome.....	Mr. Kenneth L. Williams Principal
Introduction of Honored Guests.....	Mr. Kenneth L. Williams Principal
Greetings.....	The Honorable Ms. Mary Blanco, Member The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida
Nothing is Going to Stop Me .....	Music by Pink Zebra Concert Choir, Directed by Mr. Angel Marchese
Student Speaker.....	Joshua Blair
Principal's Remarks.....	Mr. Kenneth L. Williams Principal
Roll Call of Graduates.....	Marcus Figuerola English Department Chair
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Mr. Kenneth L. Williams Principal
Conferring of Diplomas.....	Mr. Kenneth L. Williams Principal
Alma Mater.....	Concert Choir Directed by Angel Marchese
Concluding Remarks.....	Mr. Kenneth L. Williams Principal
Recessional.....	Instrumental

*The audience is asked to remain seated until all graduates have exited the arena.  
Please turn all cellular phones and mobile devices off or to silent mode.  
This event is being videotaped. By entering the event, you are giving your permission to be recorded  
and to have your likeness used in the final product.*

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# Cap and Gown



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Cap and Gown (Mandatory to walk graduation)

*If you pre-purchased a Cap and Gown on or before February 28<sup>th</sup>.*

- Cap and Gowns will be distributed the week of May 20th from the Activities office. Please refer to the schedule below. I will not be able to make an announcement since there will be testing.





## CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTIONS:

Thursday, May 23, 2024    7:30 AM – 8:45 AM (LAST NAME A – B)  
   9:00 AM – 10:20 AM (LAST NAME C – D)  
   12:30 PM – 2:15 PM (LAST NAME E – H)

Friday, May 24, 2024    7:30 AM – 8:40 AM (LAST NAME I – M)  
   9:00 AM – 10:20 AM (LAST NAME N – R)  
   12:30 PM – 2:15 PM (LAST NAME S – Z)

### FINAL DISTRIBUTION:

Cap and Gown Final Distribution will be on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in the morning from 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

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## Cap and Gown (MANDATORY to walk graduation)

If you **DID NOT** pre-purchase a Cap and Gown in December. . .

- You will need a *Cap and Gown Authorization Form* with a QR code to make an appointment with Herff Jones to purchase a Cap and Gown.
- Counselors will need to clear you before you pick up the form.
- The *Cap and Gown Authorization Form* will be distributed on Monday, May 20<sup>TH</sup>.
- Be sure you closely follow the instructions on the *Cap and Gown Authorization form* to purchase your gown.



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Your Cap & Gown will be packaged  
with the following items:


- White Graduation Gown (MUST RETURN- THE DAY OF CEREMONY)
- Graduation Cap (KEEP)
- RMEC Medallion (KEEP)
- RMEC Burgundy and Gold Tassel (KEEP)
- 6 guest tickets to the graduation ceremony
- Academy Stole (KEEP)
- Your Name Reader Card (MOST IMPORTANT)



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## Name Reader Card

- You MUST bring your HERFF JONES NAME READER CARD!!
- A label has been placed on the card with your information. If you have a name that may be difficult to pronounce, please contact Mr. Figuerola.
- PLEASE check the information and make corrections if necessary.

COMPLETE BEFORE CEREMONY	
Print Name: <b>Carrie Zimmatt</b>	SCAN QR 
NAME AS PRONOUNCED:	TO CHECK-IN
	Check-In Confirmation #
	Backup Email:
	Backup Cell #:
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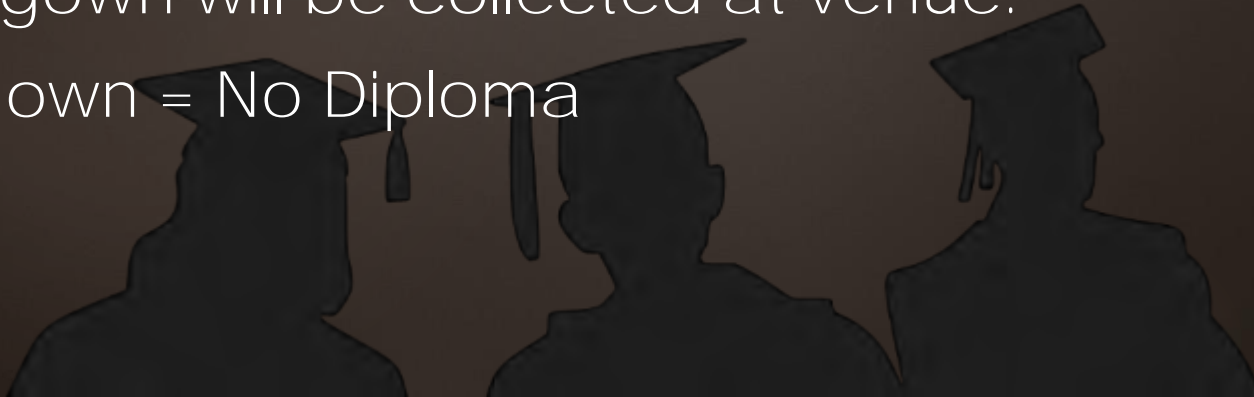
When you pick up your Cap and Gown packet you are required to sign for it, acknowledging that you received the items listed on the previous slide.

## WARNING:

- If you lose anything it is your responsibility to replace it.
- At this time, I am unable to reorder cap, gown and graduation regalia.
- You will need to order any lost items directly from Herff Jones.
- TICKETS – Lost tickets will not be replaced.

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- When you get home with your gown. . .
- Try your gown on.
  - Make sure the length is correct.
  - Make sure the zipper works.
- Hang your gown on a hanger to smooth out wrinkles.
- DO NOT IRON YOUR GOWN – IT WILL BURN.
- You may steam your gown.
- Your gown will be collected at venue.
- No Gown = No Diploma



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## What do I wear under the gown?

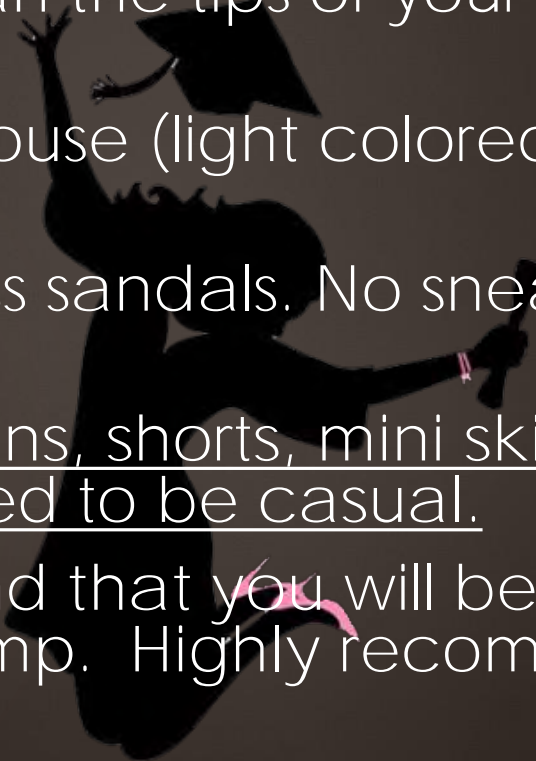
- Dress Shirt and Tie (Preferably light colored, dark shirts will show through the gown)
- Dress Pants (light colored preferred, dark color acceptable)
- Dress shoes. No sneakers, No flip flops!
- Absolutely NO Jeans, shorts, or any other garment considered to be casual.



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## What do I wear under the gown?

- Dress or Skirt and Blouse light colored preferred, nothing shorter than the tips of your fingers, no strapless.
- Dress Pants and Blouse (light colored preferred, dark color acceptable)
- Dress shoes or dress sandals. No sneakers, no flip flops, etc.
- Absolutely NO Jeans, shorts, mini skirts or any other garment considered to be casual.
- Please keep in mind that you will be walking UP and DOWN a steep ramp. Highly recommended a reasonable heel.





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## HOW do I wear the Cap/Gown?

- Caps are one size fits all. (try it on)
- Keep your Tassel on the RIGHT side of the cap.
- Gowns should be wrinkle free. (*DO NOT IRON*)
- Gown length is mid-calf.
- Ladies wear a collar. (provided with the gown)
- Light colored clothing underneath the gown works best.
- Shirt and tie a must.



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DO NOT ALTER YOUR CAP  
AND/OR GOWN IN ANY WAY

No messages, pictures or any drawings on  
the cap or gown.

DOING SO WILL RESULT IN YOUR REMOVAL  
FROM THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.



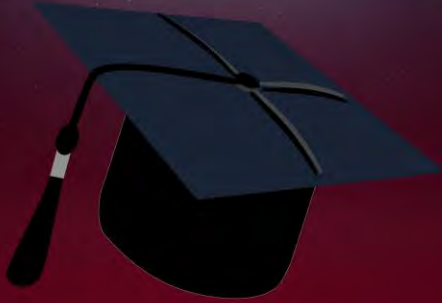
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GRADUATES MAY NOT WALK WITH THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS.

- CELL PHONES
- CAMERAS
- PURSES
- SUNGLASSES
- UNAPPROVED GRADUATION REGALIA
- NO CULTURAL REGALIA
- NO FLOWER LEIS
- NO FLAGS



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# GRADUATION CONTRACT

**ENGLISH**



**SPANISH**



**DUE: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

# GRADUATION CONTRACT

NO CONTRACT =  
NO PARTICIPATION

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# Graduation Day



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## Graduates **MUST** arrive at 7:30 AM

- Plan on arriving at 7:30 AM
- Our graduation is at 9:00 AM (Rush Hour Traffic)
- There **WILL** be traffic.
- You will have a difficult time find a parking space in the parking lot. (PANTHER PARKING ORANGE)
- You will probably get lost driving around FIU looking for the Ocean Bank Convocation Center.
- You will probably park on the top floor having to go down 4 flights of **stairs because the elevator isn't working.**

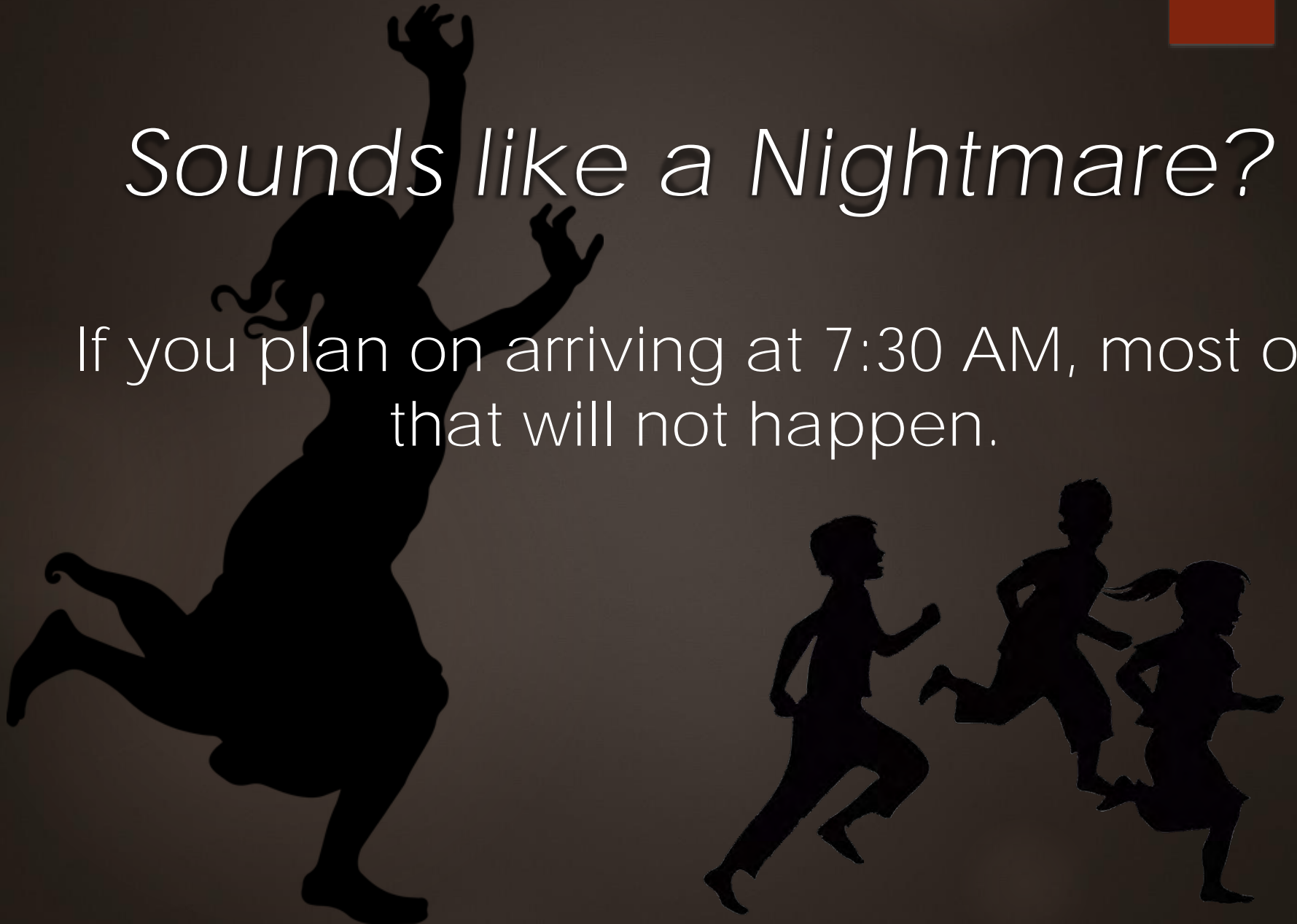


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# *Sounds like a Nightmare?*

If you plan on arriving at 7:30 AM, most of that will not happen.



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## *On Graduation Day, Remember . . .*

- Bring your Herff Jones Card (aka) Name Card,
- Please check the Herff Jones Card for accuracy.
- Be prepared for both rain and heat.
- **Students go to “NW 4” entrance.**
- Parents/Guests go to front entrance and take their seats  
**BY 8:45 AM**
- **Doors will close at 8:50 AM**
- Guests who arrive late will NOT be permitted to enter until the processional has ended.

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# PARENT AND STUDENT PARKING

- GARAGE ACROSS THE CONVOCATION CENTER
- \$1.00 PER HOUR – SCAN QR CODE

# WHERE TO REPORT



- ▶ DIGITAL MEDIA, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, HEALTH SCIENCE WILL REPORT TO THE TENT ADJACENT TO THE BUILDING. ONCE INSIDE THE TENT FIND YOUR DESIGNATED AREA AND ACADEMY TEACHER. (SEE MAP)
- ▶ STAGE STUDENTS, LAUDE, CHORUS, ENGINEERING AND VPA WILL REPORT INSIDE THE BUILDING TO THEIR DESIGNATED AREA. ENTER THROUGH SENIOR ENTRANCE.



# INSIDE TENT

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ENT  
MS. CRAPP

HS  
MS. DIAZ

DMT  
MS.  
GARRIGO

# INSIDE VENUE

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STAGE  
STUDENTS  
(OFFICERS &  
JOSHUA MYRIE)

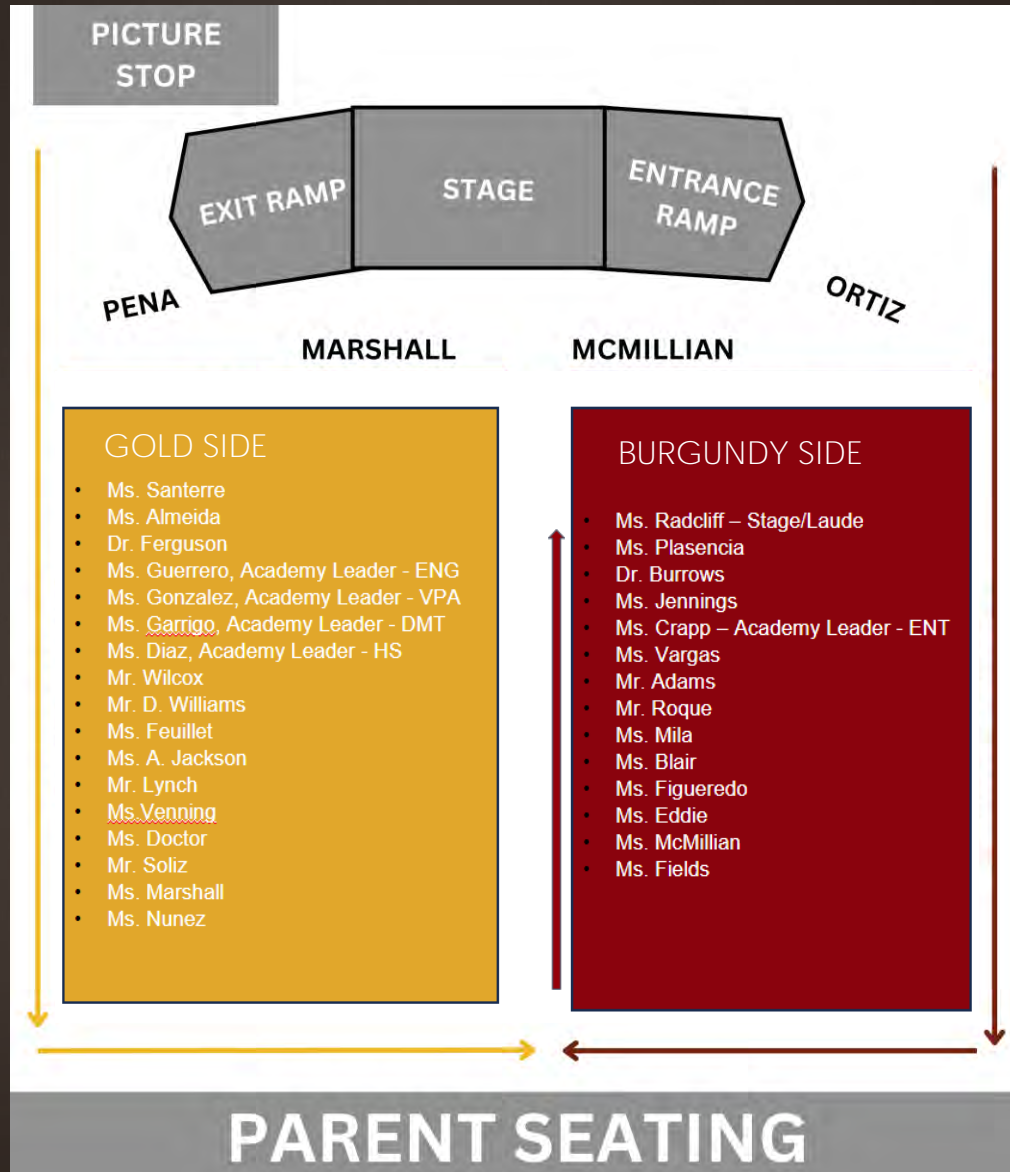
LAUDE  
STUDENTS  
MRS. RADCLIFF

ENG  
MS. GUERRERO

VPA  
MS. GONZALES

CHORUS  
MR. MARCHESE

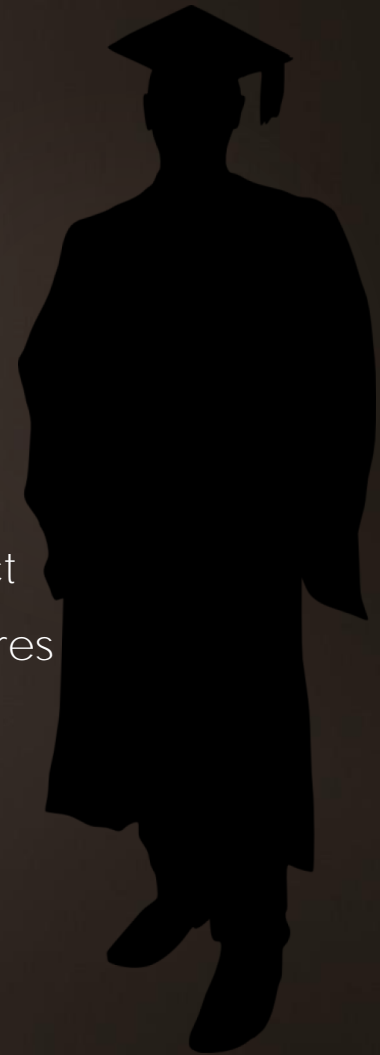
# INSIDE VENUE – CEREMONY LAYOUT



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Graduates and Guests are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Only 6 guests per graduate.
- Guests must remain seated during the ceremony.
- Please do not move the seats.
- Everyone entering MUST have a ticket.
- Please silence all wireless devices.
- Please do not bring items into the graduation site which may distract from the dignity of the ceremony or create any action which interferes with the ceremony.
- Graduates and guests not in compliance will be removed from the premises.
- The event is being photographed / videotaped.
- NO RE-ENTRY



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# WHO NEEDS A TICKET?



EVERYONE

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- Graduation will begin at exactly 9:00 am
- Students will walk in the procession quietly, attentively, and respectfully.
- Teacher escorts will direct the graduates to their seats.
- When the graduates enter the row, walk all the way to the end, filling every available space.
- Graduates will remain standing until you are asked to be seated.
- IMPORTANT: Graduates must look to their teacher escorts for guidance.
- Remain standing until you are asked to be seated.
- Listen attentively to all of the speakers.
- No shout outs to individual students.
- Act appropriately.

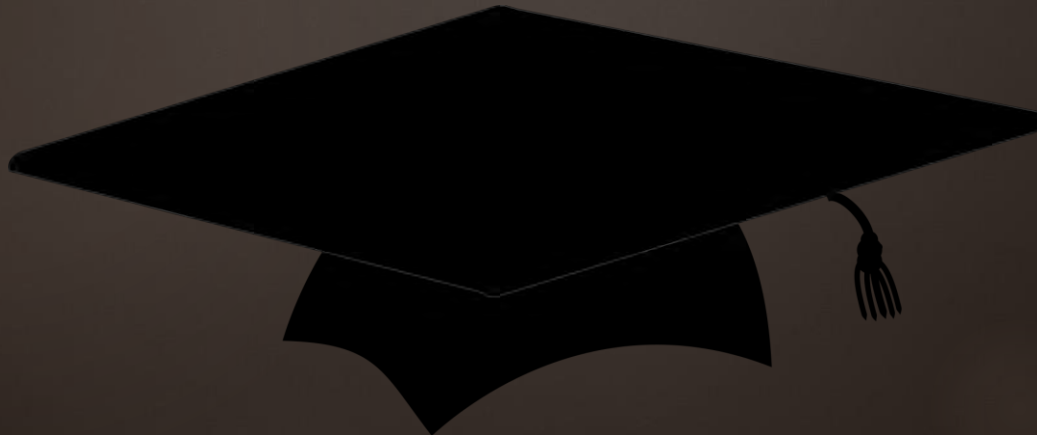




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MEN MUST REMOVE AND HOLD CAPS DURING  
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND  
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

WOMEN DO NOT NEED TO REMOVE THEIR CAPS.



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## ► RECEIVING DIPLOMA:

- Line is led by Senior Board President, Ajaiah Glasford.
- Hand your Name Card to the announcer Mr. Figuerola.
- Walk across the stage in a dignified manner.
- Shake the principal's hand with your **RIGHT** hand.
- Accept the diploma cover with your **LEFT** hand. (Left hand over right)
- Respectfully shake the hands of the remaining administrators and dignitaries.



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PICTURE POSE AND ACCEPTING DIPLOMA

RIGHT HAND UNDER LEFT

SHAKE HANDS WITH RIGHT HAND

GRAB DIPLOMA WITH LEFT HAND



# RESPONSE WHEN RECEIVING DIPLOMA

- ▶ When asked what your plans are after graduation, you must respond with an answer. DO NOT say "I DON'T KNOW."
- ▶ Examples – I'm going to work at (Place of employment)
- ▶ I'm going to college. I will be attending (name of college)
- ▶ If you are undecided about college/careers, you can say...I'm considering options.

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## Graduation Pictures at the Ceremony You will have 2 – 3 Pictures taken.

1. Accepting your diploma shaking hands with the principal.
2. After you exit the stage.
3. Head shot.

All pictures are taken by Herff Jones

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## Conclusion of Ceremony

- As you exit the stage, your picture will be taken.
- Follow the person in front of you and go back to your row.
- **You may not be sitting in the same seat. . . and that's ok.**
- Stand at your row and WAIT to be instructed to sit by a teacher.
- Mr. Williams will instruct everyone to stand.
- You will be pronounced GRADUATES by Mr. Williams.
- Mr. Williams will lead the class with the turning of the tassel. RIGHT to LEFT.
- Join in the singing of the Alma Mater.



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# *About your Cap...*



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*DO NOT TOSS  
YOUR CAP!!!*

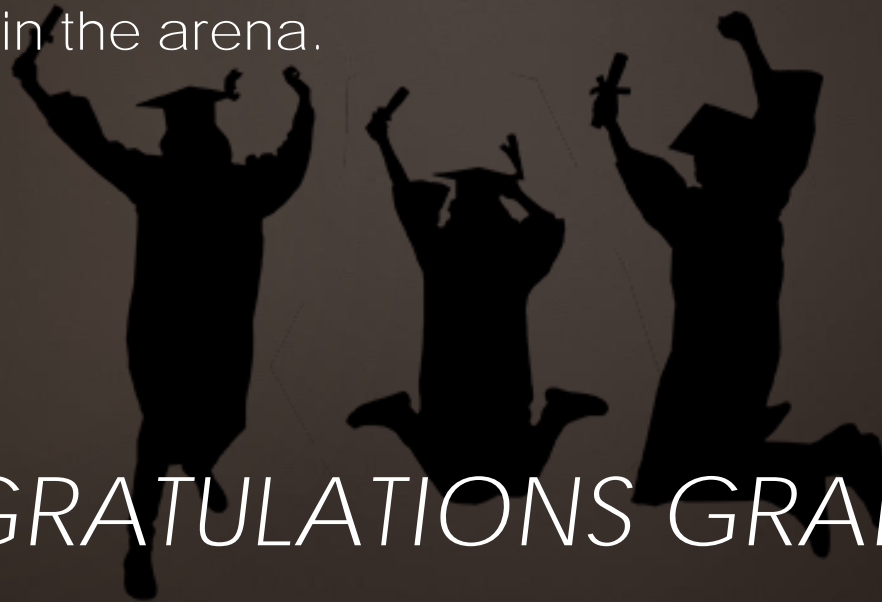
DO NOT THROW OR REMOVE YOUR CAPS.

IF YOU THROW IT. . . *YOU LOSE IT!*



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- Closing Remarks
- Exit the arena in an orderly manner.
- Look to teacher escorts for directions.
- You will be returning your gowns at the graduation site (FIU).
- As you walk out, unzip the gown, release your medallion from its button, and return the GOWN to Herff Jones once you exit the doors in the arena.



*CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!*

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## Diploma Plaque

Herff Jones will be selling diploma plaques outside of the arena before and after the graduation.

## Graduation Video

Videos are sold at the entrance of the arena and will be delivered to the school in the summer.

## Graduation Pictures

Pictures are taken by HERFF JONES.

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**HEY! There's NO DIPLOMA in my Diploma Cover!!!**

*Diplomas will be distributed as follows:*

- Thursday, May 30th (Last Name – A -L) from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (Last Name – M – Z) from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- You must turn in your gown, turn in any devices and financial obligations must be paid to receive your diploma.

*Distribution tables will be set up on SOUTH CAMPUS drive thru.*



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## DIPLOMAS ARE HELD FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

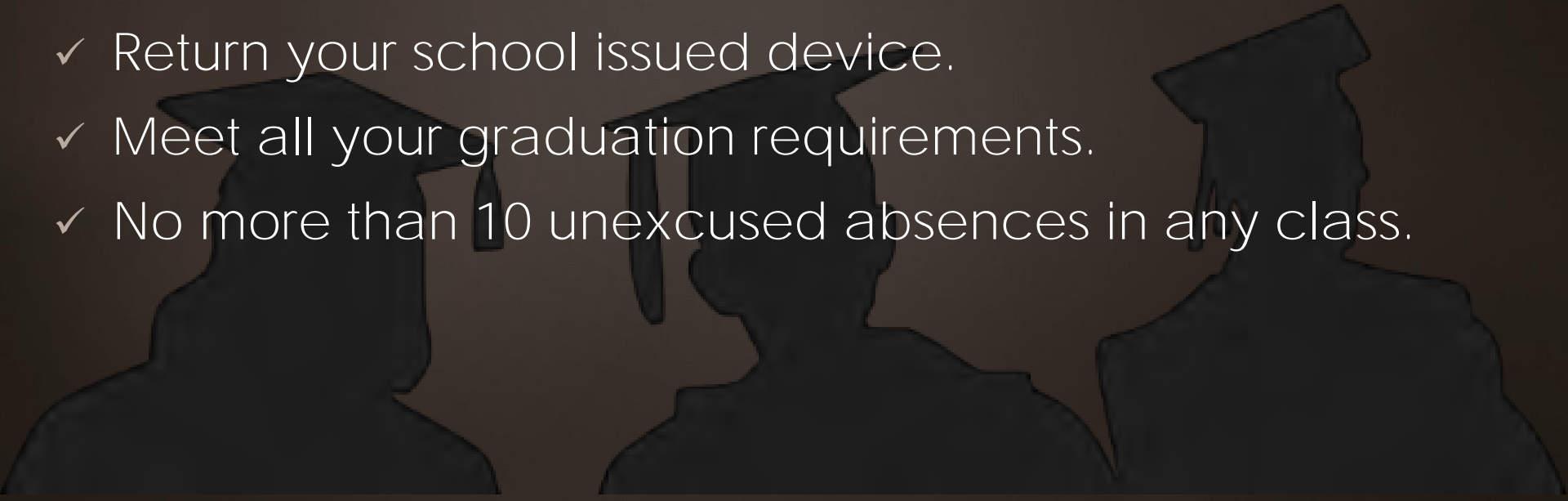
- Pending satisfactory completion of TESTS.
- Pending satisfaction of financial obligations.
- Grade withheld due to unexcused absences.
- Improper conduct/behavior during the FINAL DAYS OF SCHOOL.
- Improper conduct/behavior during Graduation Ceremony.



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You want to make sure that you can walk *AND* get your diploma?

- ✓ Pay off all your debts
- ✓ Return all books, MOBILE DEVICES and items which belong to RMEC prior to graduation.
- ✓ Return your school issued device.
- ✓ Meet all your graduation requirements.
- ✓ No more than 10 unexcused absences in any class.



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## ATTENTION SENIORS!

Register for your graduation  
using the QR code below.



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MIAMI | ORLANDO | PALM BEACH



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**SCAN QR OR USE THE LINK**  
TO RECEIVE ACCESS TO YOUR  
**GRADUATION PICTURES**

*<https://regis.viewyour.photos/direct/40169/27230182>*



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## RMEC ALMA MATER

Pirates gather, lift your voice!

Robert Morgan, School of Choice.

Alma Mater,

Alma Mater,

Gold and Burgundy!

Pirates gather, lift your voice!

Robert Morgan, School of Choice.

Alma Mater,

Alma Mater,

Gold and Burgundy!

Memories and friendships true;

To our school, we sing to you.

Quest for knowledge,

Career or college,

Sailing to prosperity!

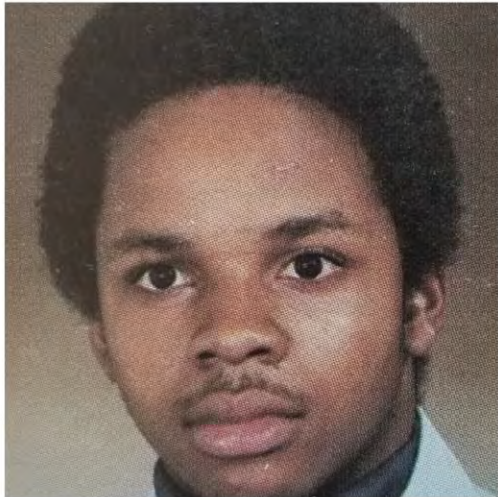


# Name that Teacher!











SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH  
Commencement Ceremony  
June 20, 1985



PIC•COLLAGE



# Congratulations RMEC Class of 2024!

