

Summer Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Founders Hall Lawn

Graduates who DO NOT participate: your diploma will be mailed the week after the ceremony

Graduates who DO participate: **It is not necessary for graduates to notify anyone of their plans to participate.**

- Graduates need to be in the Student Center Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. for line-up and instructions
- Caps/gowns/tassels can be purchased from the University Bookstore for \$27.00 plus tax.
Contact Information: 256-233-8249
- Announcements can be ordered from Jostens: www.jostens.com or 1-800-353-5299
- Men's Recommended Attire: wear dark pants, white shirts, dark tie
- Women's Recommended Attire: dresses/skirts and blouses/dark pants, dark shoes
- The ceremony usually lasts 1 hour to 1 ½ hour

**** Graduates who need special accommodations for the ceremony, should contact the Office of Academic Affairs before August 17 at 256-233-8214.** If one of your guests will need special assistance (wheelchair, difficulty walking long distances, etc.) please contact the Office of Academic Affairs before August 17.

**** Photographs** – A professional photographer will make a picture of each graduate as the diploma is presented. Proof pictures will be mailed directly to you by the photographer. Family members and friends may take photographs from the seating areas designated for guests.

**** Students who graduate with honors can purchase an honor medallion during line-up from the University Bookstore for \$15.00.**

Honors is based on overall GPA (ASU & Transfer)

3.50 to 3.74 - Cum Laude

3.75 to 3.89 - Magna Cum Laude

3.90 to 4.0 - Summa Cum Laude

**** Honor Society Cords – Contact the Honor Society advisor – NOT the Office of Academic Affairs**

For other information regarding the ceremony, please contact anyone in the Office of Academic Affairs at 256-233-8214 or send an e-mail to either Dana.Waldrop@athens.edu or Tina.Hicks@athens.edu

www.athens.edu/academics - click on "graduation" on the left

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will need to be moved indoors. All inclement weather information will be mailed out by August 18.