



**ALBANY COLLEGE  
OF PHARMACY  
AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

**139<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises  
Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 pm**

The 139th Commencement of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) in Saratoga Springs, New York. SPAC is located at 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

For directions and parking, please visit <http://www.spac.org/venue/directions-parking>.

Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the ceremony. If you have any additional questions, please contact Patty Tompkins, Events Manager, at (518) 694-7123 or [patricia.tompkins@acphs.edu](mailto:patricia.tompkins@acphs.edu).

**As a student, how do I learn about my Commencement status?**

If you have any questions about your academic status, please e-mail ACPHS Registrar Jeff Dufour.

**What should graduates wear for the ceremony?**

Graduates are expected to dress professionally and be in full regalia for Commencement.

**What time should graduates and guests arrive?**

Graduates are expected to arrive at SPAC by 11:30 a.m. Guests will also be able to enter SPAC at 11:30 a.m. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m.

**Where do graduates, faculty, and staff report when they arrive at the venue?**

Graduates should report in full regalia to the Large Rehearsal Room. Administration, faculty, and staff should report in full regalia to the Small Rehearsal Room. Commencement staff will be available in both locations to provide assistance.

**How many tickets does each student receive?**

There are no tickets distributed for the event as there is ample seating for everyone. Seating is General Admission (first come, first-served).

**How long is the ceremony?**

Approximately 2.5 hours.

**Is there a reception after the event?**

Yes, a reception will be held on the SPAC grounds immediately following the ceremony; all graduates and guests are invited to attend.

**What accommodations are available for people with physical impairments?**

Saratoga Performing Arts Center meets federal accessibility guidelines for individuals with disabilities. Please email requests and questions about accommodations to Patty Tompkins, ACPHS Events Manager, or call her at (518) 694-7123.

*NOTE: A courtesy cart is available for those who are mobility impaired and have requested special services. If using the courtesy cart service, please arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Due to the number of people requiring transportation, the only riders should be those who require the service. Carts are not allowed in the parking lots. Riders will be picked up at the edges of lots. If you have a guest that needs special accommodations due to mobility issues, please contact Patty Tompkins to make arrangements. Please know the gate through which you entered: Route 50 (main gate) or Patrons Lot/Hall of Springs. Please be patient as it takes time to transport all of the guests.*

**I've never been to SPAC. How should I prepare?**

SPAC is an amphitheater, so while seats are covered by a roof, it is an outdoor venue. Inclement weather should be considered.

**Will there be food available?**

Concession stands will be open for purchase of snacks and drinks.

**Will I be able to purchase flowers?**

The Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity will sell flower bouquets of varying sizes for gift purchases. Proceeds from the flower sales will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

**How do I order regalia (cap and gown) and graduation announcements?**

An e-mail with detailed instructions will be sent to graduates directly from the Bookstore. Order deadline is March 15, 2019.

**Will I be able to obtain Commencement photographs?**

A professional photographer will be on hand during Commencement to take pictures of each student receiving their diploma. A link for viewing and downloading photos will be posted to this page as soon as it is available.

**How do I stay connected with the school and my classmates after graduation?**

ACPHS is proud to welcome the Class of 2019 into its alumni community. If you have any questions regarding alumni activities, benefits, events, opportunities, and ways to stay connected and support ACPHS, please email [alumni@acphs.edu](mailto:alumni@acphs.edu).