



TRUMAN
STATE UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2023
COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 13, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Stokes Stadium

SPRING 2023 COMMENCEMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF GRADUATES

To commence is “to begin,” or “to start.” At the end of their college journey, our students begin a new chapter of their lives, as educated citizens who will protect our democracy and offer creative solutions to local, state, national and global problems.

Commencement is arguably the most exciting time of the academic year, if not of a student’s entire college journey. The Commencement ceremony celebrates the achievements of Truman State University students and honors the accomplishments of distinguished speakers and guests. Here are a few items that might be helpful as you plan your trip to Kirksville!

Schedule of the Day

12:30 Graduation Candidates should be arriving in Baldwin Hall.

1:00 Family and friends may start arriving at Stokes Stadium.

1:15 Faculty arrive at McClain Hall and rank is closed by the Grand Marshal.

1:30 The Processional begins moving towards Stokes Stadium

2:00 The Processional enters Stokes Stadium and the Commencement Ceremony begins.

We ask that everyone please stand, if able, as the graduates enter the stadium. Our faculty will form two lines and greet the students as they enter the staging area. Once the faculty has moved to their seats, the President will begin the ceremony. When the ceremony has concluded, we ask that everyone remains in their seats until the students have exited the stadium.

Livestream of Commencement

Truman State University will livestream the Commencement Ceremony on the Truman website at www.truman.edu/watch-ceremony/ and on Truman's YouTube channel.

Disability Accommodations

If disability seating is needed for commencement, please have your graduate complete the Graduation Disability Seating request at disabilityservices.truman.edu/ by Sunday, May 1, 2023. There will be no wheelchairs available. Guests requiring wheelchairs should bring them. Accessibility parking is available in front of Pershing Building and in the lot south of Stokes Stadium.

If disability accommodations (e.g., interpreter, wheelchair access) are required for guests, please have your graduate contact Disability Services at jsneddon@truman.edu.

General Parking

Parking will be available in most campus parking lots. The closest lots serving Stokes Stadium are the lots along Franklin Street across from Pershing Building, and the Ryle Hall, Pershing Building, Barnett Hall, and Campbell Apartment parking lots.

There is NO reserved seating for guests. The doors to Pershing Arena open at 10:00 a.m. for family seating on a first-come, first-seated basis. Guests should enter Pershing through the Arena Entrance on the southwest side of the Pershing Building.

Lodging Accommodations

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| Baymont by Wyndham Inn & Suites..... | (660) 627-1100 |
| Brashear House Bed & Breakfast..... | (660) 349-8213 |
| Budget Host Village Inn..... | (660) 665-3722 |
| Country Club Inn and Suites..... | (660) 665-8826 |
| Days Inn..... | (660) 665-8244 |
| Depot Inns and Suites (La Plata)..... | (660) 332-4669 |
| Hampton Inn..... | (660) 956-4686 |
| Holiday Inn Express..... | (660) 956-4682 |
| Knights Inn..... | (660) 665-8352 |
| Quality Inn..... | (660) 665-2205 |
| Thousand Hills Lakeside Cabins..... | (660) 665-7119 |

For accommodations outside of the Kirksville area, please use this link for more information: <http://www.visitkirksville.com/stay/#hotels-motels>.

Dining Out

Visit <http://www.visitkirksville.com/eat/> on the official Kirksville website for a list of the restaurants and diners in the Kirksville and surrounding areas.

Useful Websites

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| Kirksville Chamber of Commerce | http://www.kirksvillechamber.com/ |
| Visit Kirksville | http://www.visitkirksville.com/ |
| Truman Bookstore | https://www.bkstr.com/trumanstatestore |