



COMMENCEMENT

2023 Accessibility Services

Ceremony Details

Saturday, September 23, 2023 * 11:00 a.m. to approx. 1:30 p.m. Eastern time
Rupp Arena, 430 West Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky

Curbside Drop-off

There will be an accessible drop-off zone on High Street immediately in front of Rupp Arena. High Street is one-way (see map below). You should be able to see a set of glass doors marked from the road indicating this as a curbside drop-off point. After being dropped off, follow the arrows to the main arena entrance.

Accessible Parking

After dropping off passengers, drivers can proceed one-way on High Street and loop around to park in the High Street event lots (marked green and purple on the map). The special event parking rate of **\$10 per car** is payable on entry.

There is also designated accessible parking (first come, first served). A valid state-issued placard or license plate is required.

Accessible Seating

Accessible seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, with no reservations or tickets required. Just inside the High Street entrance, there should be Rupp Arena staff and FNU staff to assist those who require services, along with their party. *You will be subject to a brief security screening. Bag restriction info is on the [Rupp Arena site under Arena Policies](#).* **On request, Rupp staff will escort your family to your choice of several Accessible seating sections:**

- High Street level, with seats overlooking the arena floor where the ceremony takes place
- Arena floor level, behind the graduate seating sections. Floor seating is accessible via a nearby elevator, and your Rupp staff escort should go with you down the elevator and help you find your seats.
- There are pros and cons to each -- closer to the floor action, but less visibility over the top of all those heads, or farther away, with a great view of the entire ceremony. There isn't a bad seat in the house, as everything will be projected onto giant display screens that can be seen from multiple angles.

American Sign Language

Interpreting Services can be viewed on the overhead video monitors once the ceremony begins. Please let FNU staff know if you require further assistance.

Helpful Links

- [Rupp Arena website - driving directions and parking details](#)
- [Arena Map](#) - High St level Accessible seating areas are noted on the map; Floor level seating areas will be below sections 22 & 23 on the map, with the ceremony stage oriented under sections 39 & 40.
- [FNU Commencement site](#)

We suggest you allow 45 minutes to get everyone inside and settled before the ceremony begins at 11 a.m.

Eastern time. Doors will open to the public at 9 a.m. Eastern time. Rupp Arena concessions will be open for cash-only sales, and the FNU pop-up gift shop will sell university apparel and memorabilia. These will help pass the time for those who opt to arrive early and ensure a smooth morning.

NOTE: Graduates must report to Check-In between 9 and 10:20 a.m. and report to Lineup by 10:30 a.m.

For further questions, please contact Commencement@frontier.edu.