



# THE 2024 BLACK GRADUATION CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

## GRADUATE GUIDE

### WHEN IS THE 2024 BLACK GRADUATION CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE?

The 2024 Black Graduation Celebration of Excellence will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Wayne State Fieldhouse.

### DO I NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND?

Yes, in order to participate in the celebration, you must be registered. Information about registration was emailed to all eligible graduates that included the registration deadline. If you have not registered, you cannot attend the celebration. The deadline to register is Monday, April 8, 2024 or until we reach capacity.

### ARE TICKETS REQUIRED FOR GUESTS TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION?

No, tickets are not required for guests to attend this event.

### WHERE IS THE WAYNE STATE FIELD HOUSE LOCATED?

The Wayne State Field House is located at 1290 West Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48202.

### IS THERE A BAG POLICY FOR THE WAYNE STATE FIELD HOUSE?

Yes. To uphold safety protocols, minimize contact, and ensure a more seamless entry process, there is a **no bag policy at the Wayne State Fieldhouse**. Exceptions to this policy include bags needed due to a medical necessity including diaper bags, breast pumps, and other medical devices. Single Strollers and camera bags are also permitted. In addition, single compartment wallets smaller than 5" x 7" x 1.5", with or without a handle or strap are permitted.

### WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

Parking will be available in [Parking Lot 50](#) located at 1200 W. Warren, Detroit, MI, 48202. Additional overflow parking is available in [Structure 2](#). The current parking rate for Lot 50 is \$9.50. Parking fees can be paid by using a credit or bank issued debit card. **CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED**. The same card used to enter the parking lot/structure must be used to exit the lot/structure. Additional metered parking may be available on W. Warren Ave, Trumbull, and other neighboring streets.

A limited number of handicapped parking spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis in Lot 50. A handicapped license plate or hangtags is required to access these spaces.

All parking is on a first-come, first served basis.

### WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?

Graduates are asked to arrive early. Check-in will begin at 11:00 am. Graduates must be checked-in, dressed and ready to enter the ceremony by 11:45 a.m. If you are not checked in by 11:45 a.m., you will not be able to participate in the ceremony.

### WHAT TIME SHOULD FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARRIVE FOR THE EVENT?

Guest seating will be available an hour before the ceremony begins. Guests may arrive as early as 11 am but please be advised the ceremony will begin promptly at noon. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Please inform your guests of the policies outlined in this guide.**



### **WILL THERE BE ACCESSIBLE SEATING?**

*The fieldhouse has limited wheelchair seating. Guests arriving in a wheelchair should ask a volunteer member for assistance to the accessible seating area. Guests with mobility limitations or who have difficulty walking are encouraged to bring their own wheelchair. The university does not provide wheelchairs for guests. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

### **WILL REGALIA (CAP AND GOWN) BE REQUIRED? WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?**

*Graduates are requested to wear their cap and gown, **if available**. If you do not have your cap and gown, please dress in all black, business attire. Comfortable clothing should be worn under your graduation gown. Keep in mind graduation gowns are cut low enough in front that your shirt may show. We suggest refraining from high heels, long dresses; skirts or pants as they can sometimes be trip hazards when wearing graduation gowns. Flat comfortable shoes are strongly recommended if you are wearing your gown. You will receive your Black Graduation Celebration of Excellence stole when you check-in and it should be worn during the ceremony.*

### **WHERE DO I PURCHASE MY CAP AND GOWN?**

*Contact the Commencement Office at Wayne State University and/or the Barnes and Nobles Bookstore on Wayne State University's main campus. They can be reached at 313-577-2436 and are located at 82 W. Warren Ave. View their store hours on their website: <https://wayne.bncollege.com/>*

### **WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY KENTE STOLE?**

*You will receive your kente stole when you check-in and it should be worn during the ceremony.*

### **WILL THE CEREMONY BE VIEWABLE ONLINE FOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT ATTEND?**

*No, unfortunately, this event will **not** be recorded or live-streamed.*

### **IF I HAVE A QUESTION THAT HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED HERE, WHO DO I CONTACT?**

*If you have any other questions that have not been addressed here, you can email your question to the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement at [omse@wayne.edu](mailto:omse@wayne.edu). All of this information can also be found on our website at <https://omse.wayne.edu/bgce>.*