

Banterra Center ■ 1400 Arena Drive ■ Carbondale, Illinois

COMMENCEMENT

May 13, 2023

THIS IS
YOUR DAY.

SIU Southern Illinois University
CARBONDALE

PREPARING FOR YOUR DAY

You deserve the best commencement day possible. It's one you will remember for the rest of your life, so we want to do everything we can to make it as smooth as possible. While there are things that are out of your control (weather, guests and the occasional travel delay), there are things you can do right now to help make it the celebration you deserve.



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

FEBRUARY

10 Deadline to apply for May 2023 graduation

MARCH

21 Grad Bash - order regalia, sit for professional portraits with a cap and gown, and more!

APRIL

1 Deadline to order regalia

MAY

8 Regalia and reader card pick up begins

12 Academic Excellence Saluki Celebration

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Grad Bash

Plan to attend this event on Tuesday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alumni Association Tent behind Woody Hall. During Grad Bash, do the following:

- Order your regalia, announcements and more.
- Join the Alumni Association.
- Have a professional graduation portrait taken by GradImages.
- Visit with various campus departments about programs and services.

Graduation application

You can apply for graduation via SalukiNet (salukinet.siu.edu). You will receive an email confirmation after you have completed the online application. The deadline is Friday, February 10.

If you have any questions or problems with the online application process, please contact:

- Undergraduates: graduation@siu.edu or 618/453-2054
- Master's and Ph.D. degree candidates: gradschl@siu.edu or 618/453-4550
- Law students: lawreg@siu.edu or 618/453-8765

Order your regalia

The deadline to order your custom regalia is Saturday, April 1. You can order regalia from the University Bookstore in the Student Center or from Herff Jones directly at colleges.herffjones.com/college/_siuc/. You will have the option to pick up your regalia in person at the University Bookstore or have it shipped to you. There is an additional charge for shipping, which includes a prepaid return label.

Your name card

Name cards will be used to announce your name at Commencement. If you pick up your regalia from the University Bookstore, your name card will be included. PhD, MFA and EdD students will receive theirs the day of the ceremony when they check in at the Troutt-Wittmann Academic Center.

Name cards will be available on commencement day at the First Mid Bank Lounge.

To assist the commencement readers with announcing your name correctly, please neatly and clearly write the pronunciation of your name on the reader card.



SHARE YOUR DAY

I've applied for graduation and my regalia is ordered. Is there anything else I should do before commencement?

In addition to reviewing this information carefully yourself, share this commencement information with your family and friends so they can plan to celebrate with you on this special day. Commencement is a very busy day for the campus, the city of Carbondale and the surrounding communities. Early planning helps to ensure your commencement experience is enjoyed by those important to you.

Graduation announcements and diploma frames

Announcements and diploma frames are available from the University Bookstore in the Student Center, or from Herff Jones directly at colleges.herffjones.com/college/_siuc/. Please plan to allow at least 10 days for announcements to arrive.

Guest seating

Tickets are not required.

Ceremony is held in the Banterra Center, 1400 Arena Drive, Carbondale, IL

General seating is limited. We anticipate a large crowd, and seating is first come, first served. We strongly urge guests to arrive as early as possible and find seats before the processional begins, no later than 15 minutes before the ceremony. Doors open 90 minutes before the start of the ceremony.

Flowers and gifts

Bouquets of flowers, SIU memorabilia and other commencement items will be available for purchase inside Banterra Center. If you would like to conveniently pre-order flowers, please click the following link: thecommentmentgroup.com/siuc

Regalia and name card

Don't forget to pick up your regalia and name card. Regalia ordered for pick up at the University Bookstore will be available beginning May 8.

Name cards will be available at the University Bookstore and the Banterra Center ticket office beginning May 8. Name cards may also be picked up immediately before your ceremony in the First Mid Bank Lounge in the Banterra Center.

Discouraged items

To be mindful of other guests, balloons, balloon bouquets, signs, and anything that obstructs the view are discouraged. Noise makers including air horns and cow bells are discouraged. No alcohol or tobacco products. Outside food and drink may not be brought inside the Banterra Center. Firearms and fireworks are prohibited. Pets are not allowed.

All bags may be subject to inspection at all entries to the Banterra Center.

Parking

Graduates and guests will be directed to park in the two parking lots south of the Banterra Center (Lots 18 and 56). Designated parking for vehicles with disability plates or placards is available in Lot 18 (south of the Banterra Center) or in Lot 52, off Douglas Drive. Remember, this is a very busy day on campus. Allow extra time to park and arrive at your seat or lineup location.

For students or guests with disabilities

The Banterra Center is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Seating for wheelchairs and people with limited mobility is located on the concourse level, in all sections around the Banterra Center. Reservations are not needed for accessible seating. Drop off for guests with limited mobility is available at the west entrance to the Banterra Center, and parking for vehicles with disability placards or hang tags is available in Lot 18 and Lot 52. For more information regarding guests' special-needs accommodations, contact University Events at 618/453-7424 or email events@siu.edu.

Students with disabilities should contact Disability Support Services at 618/453-5738 to discuss specific accommodations that can be made.

There will be an American Sign Language interpreter at all commencement ceremonies.

Lodging and dining on commencement weekend

Carbondale has many fine restaurants to celebrate this special occasion, as well as great hotels to house our guests. Please visit the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce website (carbondalechamber.com) for more information on dining and lodging. The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau's website (www.carbondaletourism.org) is also a helpful resource. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Watch online

For supporters who cannot attend Commencement in person, all ceremonies will be available live at commencement.siu.edu/videos/

YOUR DAY

It's Commencement Day. What should I expect?

Attire: Business or business casual (under your gown, of course).

Behavior: Stay positive, attentive and thrilled. Understand that you're sharing this day with others, so make sure you give everyone the space and respect they need to enjoy the day with you. We ask for your assistance in being prompt to avoid disruption of the processional. Graduates arriving after the processional begins may not be seated with their college or degree. Late arrivals will be directed to specific seats.

Seating: You will sit with your college, but there's no need to sit alphabetically. Doctoral degree candidates will sit together with faculty in front of the undergraduate and master's degree candidates.

Class Photo: Chancellor Lane will take a group photo with all graduates on the steps of the Banterra Center, 45 minutes before each ceremony. Meet at the steps for one final memory with the Class of 2023!

Processional: To ensure a prompt and orderly start to the ceremony, all graduates are required to report to the Banterra Center 45 minutes before the ceremony.

- Undergraduate degree candidates report to the Banterra Center floor for seating. Marshals will be there to assist.
- Master's degree candidates will meet in the lower level of Lingle Hall for lineup with their college/school.
- Doctoral and MFA degree candidates will meet in the Troutt-Wittmann Academic Center to line up.

Personal Items: SIU does not provide a secure location for graduates to leave purses, bags, jackets and other personal items, and the university is not responsible for items left unattended.

Given the seating arrangement, graduates may not be seated in the same chair after receiving their scrolls or diplomas. Graduates should not plan to leave personal items under their chairs. Please leave personal items with a friend or family member during the ceremony.



FINISHING YOUR DAY

Congratulations!
You've graduated.
What happens next?

To help you finish the day, here are some things to do and be aware of following the ceremony.

Return your regalia. Collection bins will be available outside the Banterra Center after the ceremony. If you do not return your regalia the day of Commencement, you can return it to the University Bookstore in the Student Center the following week.

Photos. In addition to all the shots your family will take with personal cameras and smartphones, we will also take photos of each graduate. You'll receive a complimentary color proof within a week, either by mail or email, with instructions on how to order more.

For health and safety reasons, no one except graduates is allowed on the floor during or after Commencement. Guests should plan to meet their graduate outside the Banterra Center after the Commencement ceremony. There are many great spots to take photos outside the Banterra Center and all over campus. Please be respectful and allow space for others.

Your diploma. Once all degree and financial requirements are met, we will mail your diploma to you.* However, if you have changed your diploma address (changing your address on SalukiNet does not change where your diploma is mailed), please email the Office of the Registrar at registrar@siu.edu, or you can confirm your address by calling 618/453-2054.

* Doctoral degree candidates may receive their diplomas directly following the ceremony.



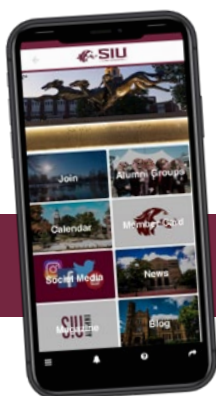


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YOUR GATEWAY OF CONNECTION

Stay connected to your alma mater. Leverage a powerful network of Salukis helping Salukis. Engage with the colleges and programs to help other students achieve what you have done. The SIU Alumni Association is here to help guide you in your post-graduate life, offering a host of services, events, and programs to stay active and engaged in the life of your university.

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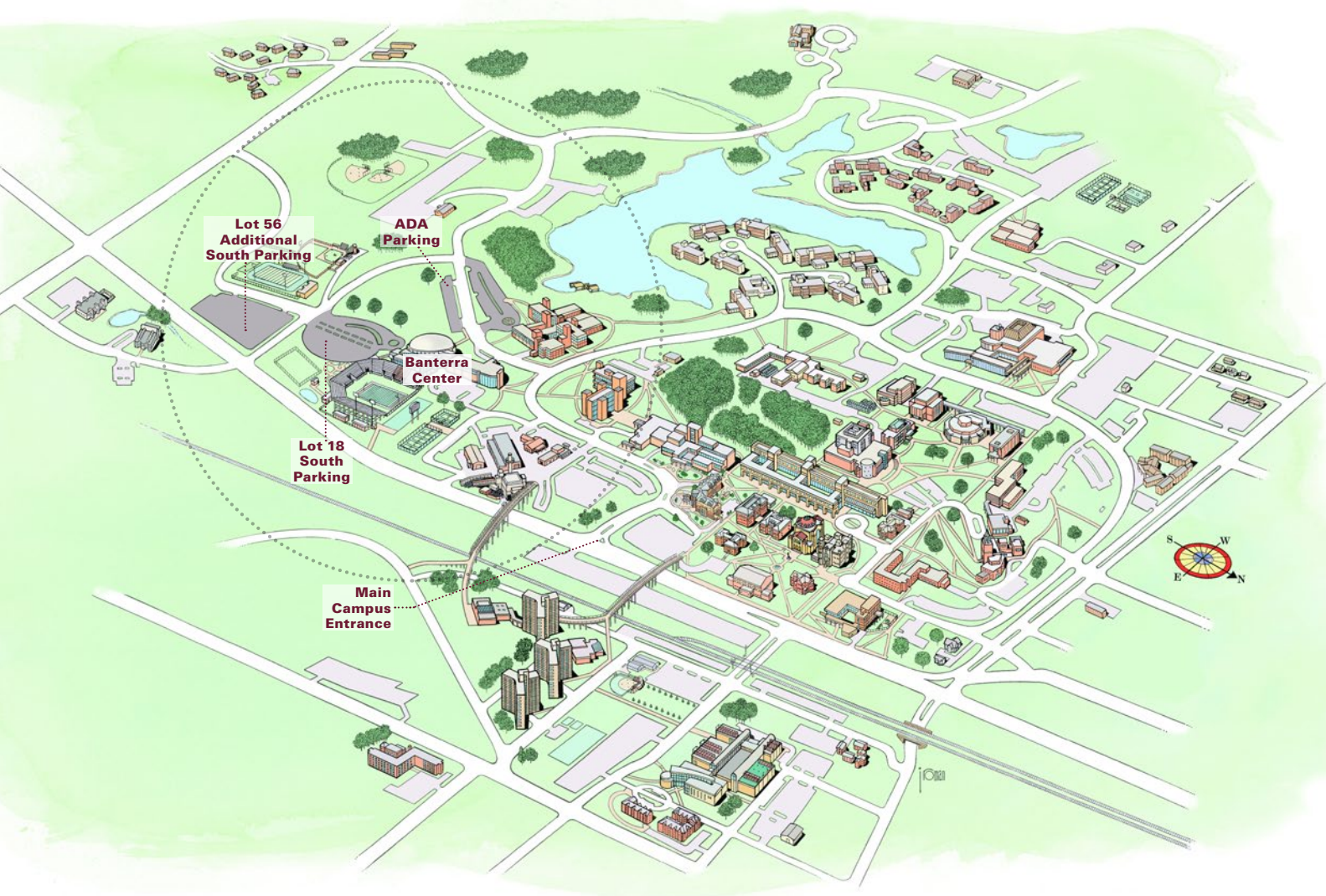
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GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DAY

We welcome any questions, concerns or cheers.

You can contact us at the Office of University Events and Outreach, Anthony Hall room 15, 618/453-7424. We manage all activities related to the commencement ceremony.

Please refer to the commencement website for more information:
commencement.siu.edu.



Stay informed and connected.

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