

Fall 2023 Graduate Celebration

The most up to date information will be listed on the webpage.

<https://www.stetson.edu/law/conferences/graduation/>

Fall 2023 Graduate Celebration will take place on Thursday, December 14, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Q: Is there a guest limit for the Graduate Celebration?

A: *No, guest seating is not restricted. There is no assigned guest-seating, and attendees may be seated in the Great Hall on a first-come, first-served basis. This is your night; invite those family and friends who have been with you on your law school journey to join in the celebration of your success.*

Q: Will the Graduate Celebration ceremony be streamed live?

A: *Yes! The afternoon of the Graduate Celebration Ceremony, the livestream link will be posted at the top of the College of Law website.*

Q: What is the dress code for the Graduate Celebration Ceremony?

A: *This is your chance to Celebrate in style! Festive and fun business professional or cocktail attire is the order of the day. You've worked hard during your time at Stetson – the Graduate Celebration is an opportunity to shine.*

Q: Who is the Graduate Celebration speaker?

A: *December 2023 graduates will vote for a faculty member to speak at the ceremony. The Link to vote for your faculty speaker is accessible [here](#), and from the Graduate Celebration Website. Vote by November 27, 2023.*

Q: What is the Dessert Reception in the Mann Lounge?

A: *After the formal Graduate Celebration, December 2023 graduates and their guests are invited to join Stetson's Administration, Faculty, and Staff for a dessert reception in the Mann Lounge, to celebrate you and all that you have accomplished.*

Q: When will I receive my regalia?

A: *Regalia is ordered for graduates participating in the May 2024 Commencement Ceremony. Graduates will receive an email in Spring 2024 with instructions on ordering regalia. Be sure to regularly check and maintain your Stetson email account and password and remember that you may keep that account (log in once a year to maintain your account in active status).*

Q: What are Cords/When will I receive my Cords?

A: *Graduation Cords are rope-like accessories worn with your Regalia at May Commencement. Cords are awarded for certain student academic leader recognitions, academic achievements, student leadership positions, pro bono service, and memberships in particular honor societies and organizations. Cords for May 2024 Commencement will be distributed in the Spring 2024 semester prior to Commencement with emails forthcoming on specific pick-up procedures. A complete list of Graduation Cords will be available on the May 2024 Commencement webpage.*

Q: What if I don't participate in the May 2024 Commencement Ceremony?

A: *Your cords and certificates will be mailed to the current address on file with the Registrar after May 2024 Commencement.*

You can submit your composite photo directly to the composite vendor to be included in the May 2024 Commencement Composite Photo. Photos should be taken in your regalia and must comply with the following file size/formats:

- File Type: JPG/JPEG
- Minimum File Size: 100 KB
- Minimum Dimensions: 2.5 in. x 3.5 in.
- Minimum Resolution: 300 DPI

Specific submission details will be included in correspondence detailing May 2024 Commencement

Q: How can I receive my awards/certificates if I do not attend the Graduate Celebration ceremony?

A: *The Registrar will host a drive-through pickup event when diplomas are ready. Students who do not attend the Graduate Celebration ceremony can pick up their diploma and any certificates with their diploma when they are ready for pick up (early to mid-spring with emails forthcoming detailing specific dates and procedures). You can also request to have your diploma and any certificates mailed to you. Detailed instructions on diploma pick-up are sent from the Registrar to graduates via email.*

Q: Why am I being asked for my post-graduation employment information/status?

A: *Each year, Stetson Law is required to provide employment data for each member of our most recent graduating cohort to the American Bar Association (ABA), the National Association for Law Placement (NALP). This information is reported without revealing or reporting graduate names or individually identifying information. Employment data plays an important role in Stetson Law's accreditation, reputation, rankings, and research on the employment market. The most recent ABA Employment Report (for the graduating classes of December 2022, May 2023, and August 2023) is available online, at www.stetson.edu/law/career/employment-report.php.*

Q: Why am I being asked for my permanent address?

A: *Your graduation from Stetson University College of Law marks not only the completion of your legal studies, but your entrance into the College's engaged alumni community. As a Stetson Law Alum, the College's services are always available to you.*

Completion of the Permanent Address Form allows the College to:

- Mail graduation related materials (diploma, cords, honors, etc) to you if requested;*
- Invite you to campus celebrations and events;*
- Update you on all the happenings and advancements with the College of Law.*

May 2024 Commencement – Things to Know

- Commencement ceremonies for the Stetson University College of Law are held annually in May of each year.
- May 2024 Commencement, presenting graduates from December 2023, May 2024, and August 2024, will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024.
- Communications concerning all activities and opportunities associated with May 2024 Commencement will be sent beginning in early spring 2024.
- **Regalia:** Graduates participating in Commencement Ceremonies in May 2024 must wear Regalia. In early spring, 2024, all graduates from December 2023, May 2024, and August 2024 will receive an email from the Office of Career and Professional Development with detailed instructions on How to Order, and When/Where to pick up your regalia.
- **Composite Photos:** Composite Photos for graduates from December 2023, May 2024, and August 2024 will take place on May 14th and 15th, 2024, from 10:00am – 6:00pm.

- Graduates will be emailed instructions from the Office of Career and Professional Development on when and how to sign up for a Composite Photo timeslot in early Spring, 2024.
- Graduates will don their regalia (graduate robe, and hood, but not tam) for the composite photo.
- Honors & Awards & Cords: The Honors and Awards ceremony is dedicated to academic recognitions and is held the Friday before Commencement. Participants in select activities, and recipients of named awards will be notified by the College and invited to the Honors & Awards Ceremony. Cords will be distributed in advance of Commencement, with email instructions for pick-up forthcoming in the spring 2024 semester.