

# May 13, 2023, COMMENCEMENT OVERVIEW

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:** Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Stetson University College of Law Courtyard, 1401 61<sup>st</sup> Street South, Gulfport, FL. Overflow accessible seating with a live webcast will be in the Mann Lounge with the entrance off the Banyan Courtyard.

Overflow parking is located at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 5800 15th Avenue South, Gulfport, FL.

Deadline to RSVP is **March 24, 2023**

## **SCHEDULE AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:**

**6:45 a.m.** LL.M. graduates, Master of Jurisprudence graduates, Fall 2022 J.D. graduates and Spring/Summer 2023 J.D. graduates report to campus in full regalia.

Your room assignments are as follows:

CLASSROOM A	2022 & 2023 LL.M. graduates, Master of Jurisprudence graduates, Fall 2022 J.D. graduates and Spring/Summer 2023 J.D. graduates A - D
CLASSROOM G	E - K
CLASSROOM F	L - P
CLASSROOM E	R - Z

Your seats in the graduate tent are in alphabetical order – LL.M. graduates, Master of Jurisprudence graduates, and Fall 2022 graduates at the beginning, followed by Spring/Summer 2023 graduates.

Graduates don tams, gowns, cords, and hoods for processional. There will be staff available to assist you with robing.

**7:30 a.m.** Announcements and final instructions. All graduates must be robed and seated in classrooms.

**8:00 a.m.** Graduates line up alphabetically for processional.

**8:30 a.m.** Marshal begins march from horseshoe.

Processional Order

Bagpipers

Marshal (with mace) & President

Graduates from classrooms in order of Classroom A, G, F and E

Legacies

Faculty

Platform Party

**WRISTBANDS:** Wristbands are required for all guests in attendance.

- Graduates will be issued **TEN** guest wristbands for the Commencement Ceremony. Guests not wearing a wristband will be asked to produce a wristband.
- **If a fellow graduate isn't utilizing some or all their guest wristbands, you may acquire their extra guest wristbands directly from them and use for additional guest attendance.**

**REGALIA:** You will receive notice from the Office of Career and Professional Development in April when your regalia has arrived and is available for pick-up.

- Regalia and Announcements can be ordered on-line [College Graduation Products by Herff Jones](https://collegegrad.herffjones.com/) or visit Herff Jones' main webpage and type in "Stetson Law" to access your regalia ordering page. <https://collegegrad.herffjones.com/>
- **Deadline to order regalia is February 24, 2023**

**ACTIVITIES REPORT:** Please verify your activities to ensure we have the correct information for the Commencement program. Select the link to view the comprehensive list of activities.

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

Please review your activities on ***MyStetson, My Academics, Law School Student Activity***. If you believe there are inaccuracies or missing activities, please contact the appropriate office (Office of Student Affairs or Registrar) listed on the webpage.

***Deadline to submit activities is March 10, 2023, to ensure inclusion in the Commencement Program.***

**COMPOSITE PHOTOS:** Composite photos will take place on Tuesday, May 9, and Wednesday May 10, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in SC 201. Please sign-up for

your composite session here

<http://orders.universityphoto.com/registration/Register?ClientID=105248&OccasionRef=185825>

Graduates will don graduate robe and hood (no tams) for the photo.

**TABLING:** The Office of Student Affairs will table outside their office during Composite Photos on Tuesday, May 9, and Wednesday May 10, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to hand out graduation bags to graduates.

The bags will include graduation wristbands for guests, guest tickets for alternate site, cords, honor tassels, and student recognition certificates. Graduates who do not pick up their graduation bags during graduation tabling, will receive their bag at their assigned robing room seat the day of the ceremony.

**WEBCAST:** The Commencement Ceremony will be webcast. The morning of Commencement, the link will be posted at the top of the College of Law website.

**LEGACY:** Graduates who have a family member or members who graduated from Stetson Law with a Juris Doctor are eligible to participate in the Alumni Legacy Program and have their loved one present them with their diploma during the graduation ceremony. Qualifying family members include parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, aunts/uncles, and cousins. If you would like for a qualifying family member to participate in this program, please indicate your legacy relationship when submitting your online permanent address form. You can also email the Dean's Office at [lawdean@law.stetson.edu](mailto:lawdean@law.stetson.edu) with any questions regarding legacy participation at the graduation ceremony.

**ALTERNATE SITE INFORMATION:** First Baptist Church, 1900 Gandy Blvd N, St. Petersburg, FL. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the alternate location, you will be advised via email as well as the College of Law homepage. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Should we move to the alternate site, graduates will be limited to **FOUR** guests. Guest tickets for the alternate site will be distributed during the tabling event on May 9 and May 10.

**ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES:** The live stream of the ceremony will be closed captioned. Graduates and guests with disabilities or health concerns who may require accommodations, such as accessible seating, contact the Accessibility Resources Office at [ada@law.stetson.edu](mailto:ada@law.stetson.edu) prior to **May 1, 2023**. The requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**NOTES:**

- Graduates are asked to report to campus **on time in full regalia** at the designated report time. We must take roll and verify name pronunciations and recognitions prior to lining up for the procession.
- Graduates don tams, gowns, hoods, and cords for the processional.
- Graduates' names will be placed at their seat in their respective classroom staging area prior to the processional.
- Graduates are encouraged to leave personal items with their guests (such as wallets, bags, keys, cellphones). If a graduate needs to leave a personal item in the classroom staging area, they do so at their own risk.
- Guests will not be admitted to the classroom staging areas.
- Graduates' names will be placed at their seat in the reserved section under the graduate tent in the Plaza Mayor Courtyard. Graduate seating is located directly to the left of the stage, when facing the stage.

**FINAL REMINDERS:**

- Grad Images will take pictures of each graduate as they walk across the stage and again behind the staging area. Grad Images will contact graduates individually via email regarding purchasing their photographs.
- Graduates will be given a diploma cover holder with the Stetson logo. The diploma cover will be returned after your photo is taken.
- Following the ceremony, all graduates are asked to return to their respective classrooms to retrieve any personal items. Please ask your guests to stay in the Plaza Mayor Courtyard until the recession is complete.
- We ask everyone to please exit the Plaza Mayor Courtyard shortly after the recession.

If you have any questions, please contact [lawgraduation@law.stetson.edu](mailto:lawgraduation@law.stetson.edu).

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# Graduation Cords

- **Purple Cord\*\***: LL.M. Graduates
- **Gold Cord\***: Honors & Anticipated Honors Graduates
- **Blue Cord\*\***: William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award
- **Red White and Blue Cord\*\***: Veterans
- **Blue & Gold Cord\*\*\***: Beta Gamma Sigma
- **Drab\*\***: JD/MBA graduates
- **Purple and White Cord\*\***: Master of Jurisprudence
- **Gold Blue Red\*\*\***: Phi Delta Phi
- **Green Cord\*\***: Student Leadership Recognitions:
  - ABA Campus Reps and Regional/National positions
  - Ambassador Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Senior Stetson Ambassadors & Ambassadors
  - Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law School Affiliates
  - Leadership Development Committee
  - SBA Executive Board Officers and Committee Chairs
  - Student Organization Presidents
- **Green and Gold Cord\*\***: Student Academic Leader Recognitions:
  - All Advocacy Board team members
  - Honors Program graduates
  - Law Review and Journal board members
  - Named Awards
  - National Order of Barristers

\*\*Anticipated honors are based on a student's cumulative grade point average following the end of their prior semester see the Registrar for any questions. The College of Law will provide the yellow cord.

\*\*Provided by the College of Law.

\*\*\*Provided by Student Organization or Student

*All cords and stoles, whether provided by Stetson College of Law or not, must be congruent with the expectations of the Code of Student Professionalism and Conduct and in the spirit of professionalism. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs with any questions about cords and stoles.*

## Tassels

Juris Doctor and LL.M. graduates: purple tassel

Juris Doctor and LL.M. Honors & Anticipated Honors graduates: yellow tassel

Master of Jurisprudence graduates: black tassel

***Gold tassel supersedes purple Tassels. Graduates only wear one tassel.***