

May 2026 Commencement Procedures

Saturday, May 16

The BayCare Sound
255 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL 33755



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Regalia

- Graduate seating staff will assist graduates with proper wear of regalia (gown, hood, hat or tam, and cords).
- Stetson hat *or* tam must be worn as part of regalia.
- To assist graduates with the proper wearing of their regalia and cords, please view the Herff Jones video “How to Wear Your Cap and Gown – Doctorate.”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gD1nNdA4Hcc>
- Cords and stoles should be worn over the robe and under the hood. They should be visible after the hood is in place.
- Only wear one tassel. The gold tassel supersedes the purple tassel.
- As a graduate student, you wear your tassel on the left side.





Graduate Cords & Tassels



- **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 Student Division
 - 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 standing in their class following the end of the prior semester (i.e., fall for May and July graduates) 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

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- Graduate seating staff will have the master cord list. If the graduate isn't listed on the master cord list, they did not receive a cord.
- If a student has a discrepancy, contact Desmond Baker for verification. If the discrepancy is Honors or William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award, we will need confirmation from the Registrars office.
- *“Anticipated honors are based on a student’s standing in their class following the end of the prior semester (i.e., fall for May and July graduates) see the Registrar for any questions.”*
- *Student Affairs has approved several cords that student organization leaders will be wearing.*

