

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION SPRING 2013

GRADUATE

Friday, May 10, 2013

1:00 P.M.

Hanner Fieldhouse
590 Herty Drive
Statesboro, Georgia

UNDERGRADUATE

Saturday, May 11, 2013

9:00 A.M.

Paulson Stadium
203 Lanier Drive
Statesboro, Georgia



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GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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DECORUM

Commencement is a special and significant occasion in your life. Many of your family and friends will come from a long distance to witness this memorable ceremony. Our faculty, staff, and administrators have planned the program and arrangements with every consideration to make this an impressive and enjoyable event for all graduates and spectators.

Please follow these decorum guidelines for commencement:

- Arrive one hour before the ceremony.
- Remain quiet and in your seat except when going to the stage or being recognized by your dean and the President. You are not allowed to leave before the ceremony concludes.
- No smoking.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- No honor society, sorority/fraternity scarves, or other accessories may be worn.
- Wear proper graduation attire. Candidates should wear dark, flat shoes and dress attire with graduation gowns.
- No comments or sculptures should be added to the mortarboard.
- Cell phone ringers must be turned off during the commencement ceremony and only text messaging is allowed during the ceremony.
- No gathering for group photos during the ceremony.
- No use of noise makers such as cow bells, horns, megaphones, etc. will be allowed.
- Do not engage in other disruptive behavior during the ceremony.

Individuals not following the above guidelines will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony and will be subject to removal from the ceremony by security personnel; this may result in your diploma and academic transcript not being released. Individuals not following these guidelines will also be subject to disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the Student Conduct Code.

Georgia Southern University

SPRING 2013 COMMENCEMENT

Dear Candidates and Guests:

Please note that we will have separate graduate and undergraduate ceremonies as listed below:

Graduate Commencement exercises for the Spring 2013 graduating class will be held Friday, May 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse. The ceremony is open to candidates completing Spring 2013 and Summer 2013. Parking areas are indicated on the map on page 5.

Undergraduate Commencement exercises for the Spring 2013 graduating class will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Paulson Stadium. The ceremony is open to candidates completing Spring 2013 and Summer 2013. Due to the large crowd expected, it is suggested that plans be made to arrive on campus by 8:00 a.m. Because there is limited parking at the stadium, it is strongly recommended that you park in one of the designated parking areas indicated on the map on page 11 and utilize the campus shuttle services to get to the stadium.

In case of inclement weather, the undergraduate ceremonies will be held in Hanner Fieldhouse at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. (See pages 10, 11, 14, and 15 for detailed information about the rain plan.)

The information in this brochure is intended to answer all your questions about commencement. Note that because of the two ceremonies, the brochure includes separate information for the graduate ceremony (pages 3-7) and the undergraduate ceremony (pages 8-15). Please share the information contained in this brochure with your family and guests. Careful attention to these instructions will assure a memorable celebration of your educational achievements at Georgia Southern. If you have questions, please call the Registrar's Office at (912) 478-5152.

Congratulations!



Dr. Velma S. Burden
Registrar

Graduate Student Information

(Master's, Specialist, Doctorate)

INVITATIONS / COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

Invitations can be ordered through the Eagle Print Shop 912-478-5697, Monday-Friday 8-5 p.m.

Diploma frames, and other commemorative items are available at The University Store. You may visit The University Store's web site at www.gsustore.com to purchase merchandise. Commemorative items will be available for sale at The University Store on May 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Attire

Caps and gowns are required and only academic attire approved for the ceremony may be worn. No honor society or sorority/fraternity scarves or other accessories may be worn. We suggest that candidates wear dark flat shoes, dark dresses, or dark pants with their graduation gowns.

Students may reserve their caps and gowns at <http://www.herffjones.com/college/graduation>. Please give your height, weight, degree, and major. Measurements must be received by Herff Jones by April 1, 2013 or a \$25 late fee may apply. Cap and gown fees can be paid directly to the Herff Jones Company when you place your order.

Pick Up

Graduation caps and gowns may be picked up at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC), starting on Thursday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and at Hanner Field House Room 2317 on Friday, May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Candidates who did not order attire should pick up on Thursday. Adjustments may be made on Friday, May 10, at Hanner Field House Room 2317, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may keep your attire - no return required.

Tassels

Tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap hanging over the right eye until the President asks you to move your tassel to the left side of the cap during the ceremony. The mortarboard of the cap should be parallel to the ground. Doctoral graduate degree students will not move tassels.

NAME CARDS

A Name Card will be mailed to each candidate. You **MUST** have this Name Card before lining up for the procession. During the ceremony, you will take your Name Card to the reader in front of the stage so your name can be read as you cross the stage. Doctoral Candidates will not have a Name Card. If you do not have a Name Card when you arrive to line up in the Old Gym, duplicates will be available in the "Candidate Line-Up Area" at your college table.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The academic procession for the candidates will form in the Hanner Old Gym (see page 6) at 12:00 p.m. (noon). **You must be in the Old Gym at this time.** The entrance to this area will be designated with a "Candidate Line-Up Area" sign. The line-up area for the procession is indicated on the maps that follow. Candidates should be dropped off at the Herty entrance (See page 6).

When you enter the Old Gym, please go to your college processional sign for line-up. At each college processional sign, a Registrar's Office staff member will be available to assist you with line-up. When the procession begins, Registrar's Office staff members along with a senior faculty member from your college will direct your college to the designated seating area in the Hanner Fieldhouse (see page 7). *Please stay in line or you may find yourself sitting in the wrong area.*

Candidates who require special accommodations for a disability should contact the Registrar's Office at (912) 478-0432 by April 30, 2013 to discuss individual needs for the processional.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOS

A professional photographer will be taking a picture of you as you cross the stage. A proof of this picture will be emailed to you at your Georgia Southern email address so that you may decide if you wish to purchase these photos.

The commencement ceremony will be available for download at <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement>.

WEB CAST OF COMMENCEMENT

Georgia Southern University is proud to present the Spring Commencement Ceremony as a live web cast. Those wishing to view the broadcast can visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement/> on their computers or mobile devices. iPhone and iPad users will need to download the Livestream app from the iTunes store: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/livestream/id379623629?mt=8>

A test broadcast will be available 30 minutes prior to commencement and the actual broadcast will begin a few minutes before the start of the ceremony.

Due to technical constraints, some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) do not permit the use of their systems to transmit such broadcasts. Should you not be able to view the broadcast, please contact your local ISP.

Graduate Student Information

(Master's, Specialist, Doctorate)

LIVE BROADCAST OF COMMENCEMENT

Georgia Southern University, in association with Northland Cable, will provide a live broadcast of the Spring Commencement Ceremony to Northland Cable Channel 99.

GUEST ENTRANCE AND SEATING

Relatives and friends may enter the Fieldhouse through the Hwy 67 or Herty Drive entrances. Tickets are not required. Guests and graduating students will not be allowed to hold or reserve seats for other guests. Guests will not be allowed on the Fieldhouse floor before or during the ceremony.

CONCESSIONS

A concession stand on the lower level of Hanner Fieldhouse will be open for purchasing food and drinks. Please note that candidates will not be allowed to carry food or drinks into the designated seating area for the ceremony.

PARKING

Parking is available at the Fieldhouse and Russell Union. Parking areas indicated on the Campus Map diagram on page 5. Additional parking is available as indicated on the diagram. Police officers are available for directions to additional parking. Carpooling is encouraged.

DISABILITY ACCESS

If your guest requires special accommodations for a disability, special seating is available by calling the Office of the Registrar at (912) 478-5421 by May 3, 2013. Due to limited seating in the handicap areas, a maximum of one person will be allowed to accompany the handicapped person in the handicap seating area. A designated handicap parking area is available on a first come, first serve basis. A state handicap parking permit is required (see diagram on page 5). Please limit handicap seating and parking to those that truly require special accommodations.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS

A commencement program listing the names of all graduates will be placed in the candidates' seats. Guests will receive a program as they enter the Fieldhouse.

DIPLOMAS / TRANSCRIPTS

Diplomas will be mailed to the graduates at their diploma mailing address or their permanent home address. Please remember to update your diploma address (DA) in WINGS to an address that will be valid eight weeks after completing all degree requirements. If there is no DA address, the diploma will be mailed to the current mailing address. Diplomas should be mailed six to eight weeks after graduation for students that have completed all requirements and have been cleared for graduation by Registrar's Office.

When applying for employment, transcripts should be used instead of diplomas. Three weeks after graduation, if requirements are complete, graduates may request a transcript with the degree conferred.

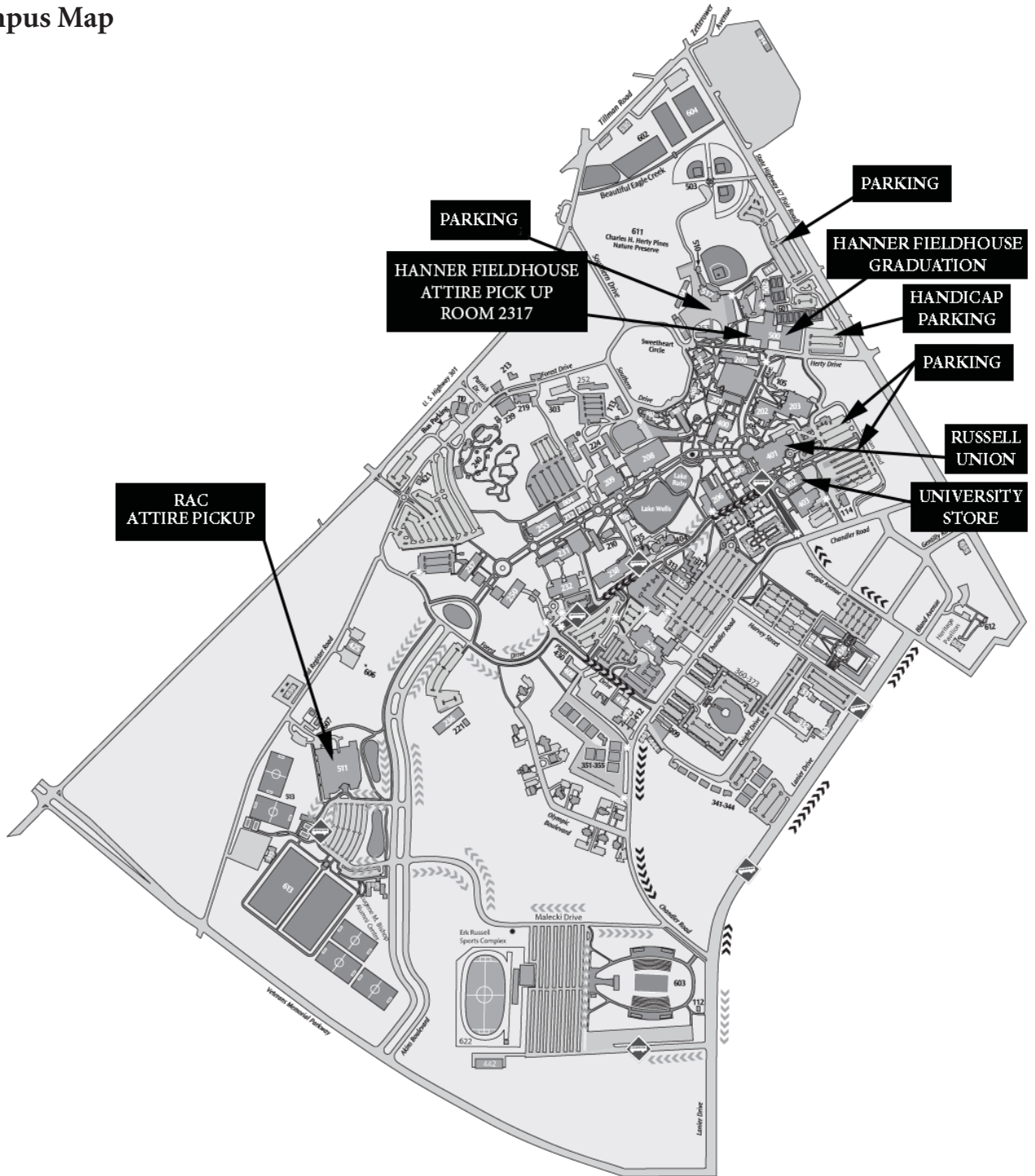
CONCLUSION OF CEREMONY

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, the platform party and faculty will recess. Graduates and guests should remain standing at their seats until the recessional is complete.

Graduate Student Information

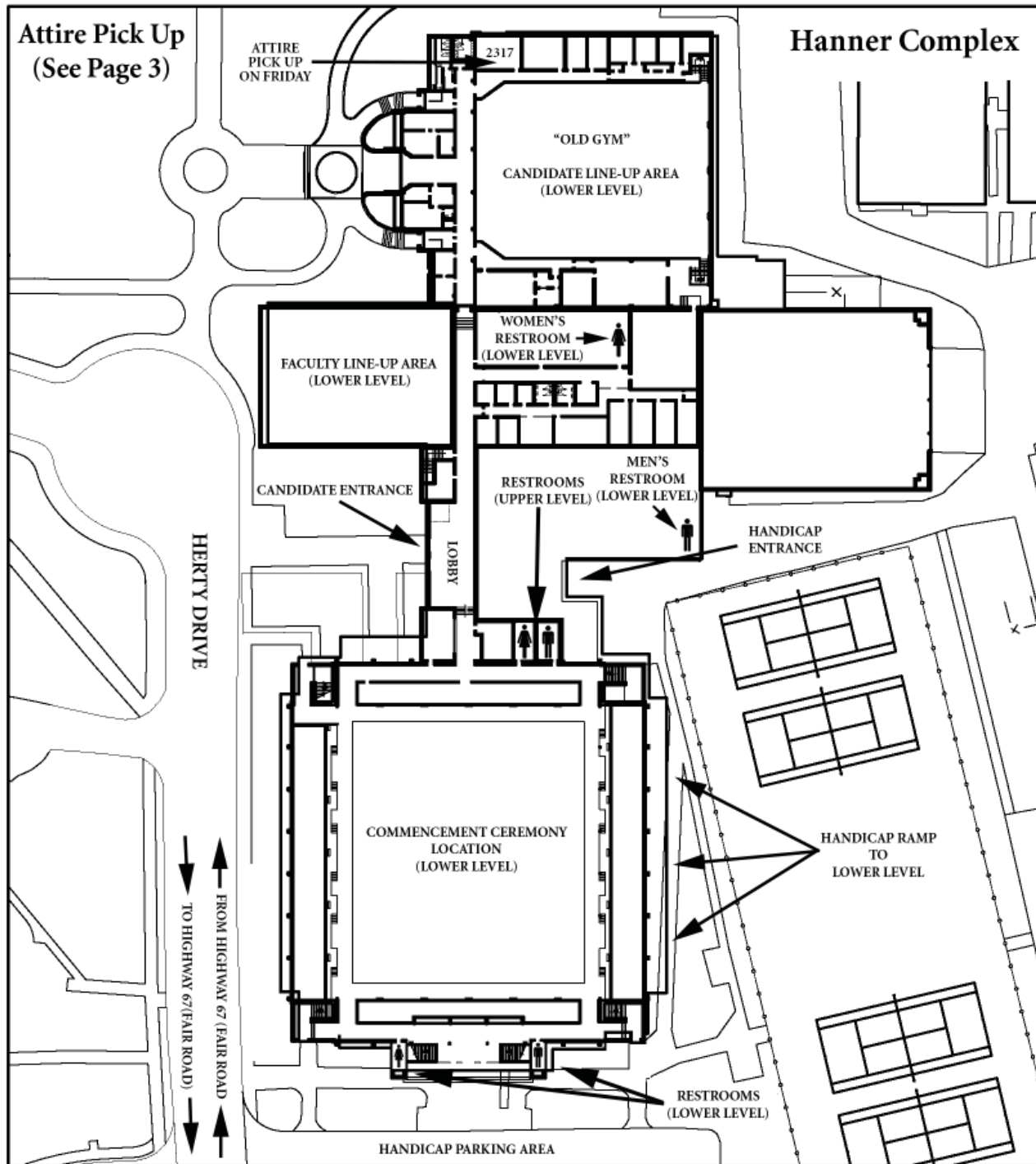
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Campus Map



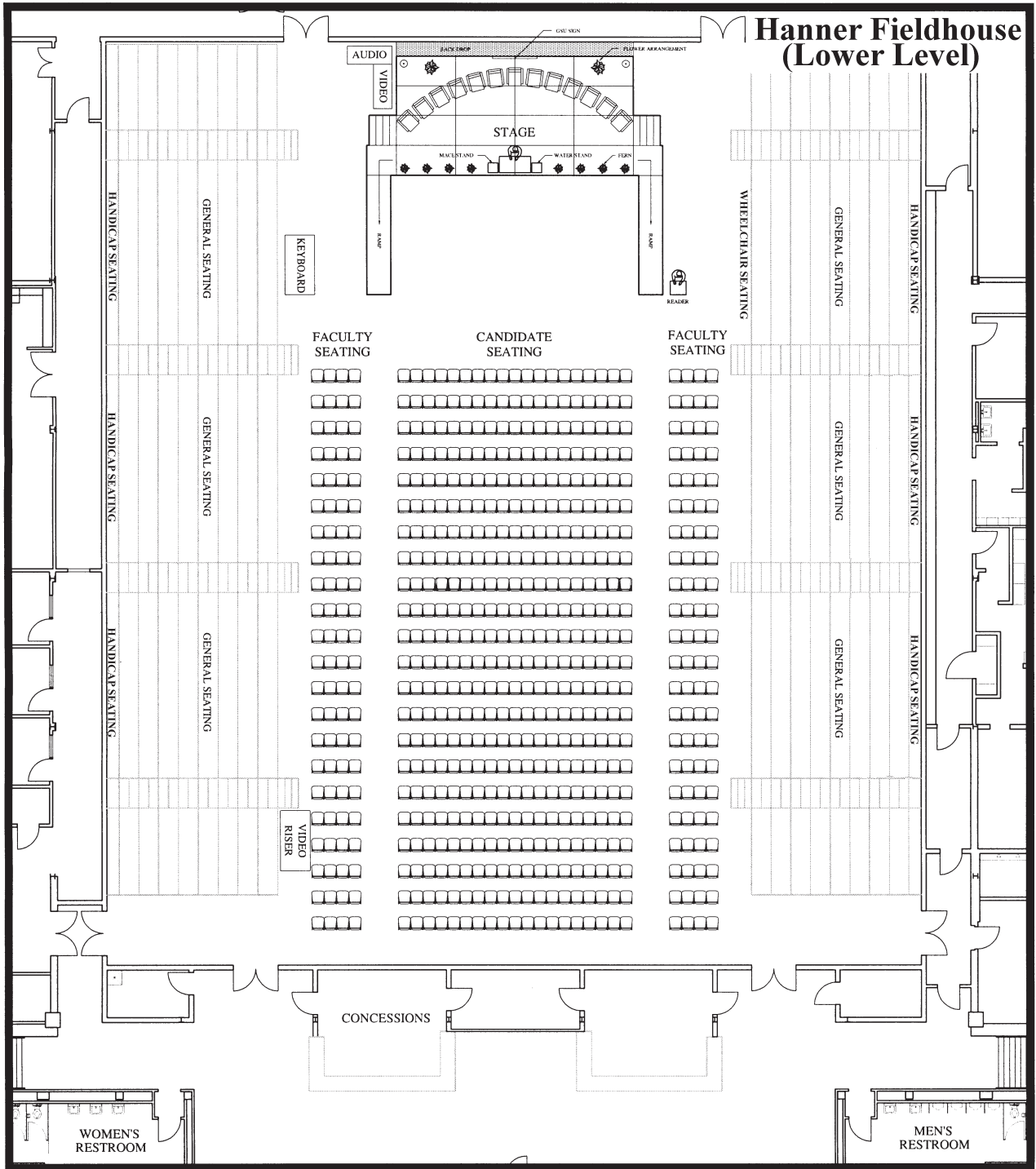
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Undergraduate Student Information

(Students receiving Bachelor degrees)

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Rings, diploma frames, and other commemorative items are available at The University Store. You may visit The University Store's web site at www.gsustore.com to purchase merchandise. Commemorative items will be available for sale by The University Store at Paulson Stadium.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Attire / Dress

Caps and gowns are required and only academic attire approved for the ceremony may be worn. Special scarves and other accessories, which include but are not limited to Honors Society scarves/cords and Sorority/Fraternity scarves, are not approved graduation attire and should not be worn. We suggest that candidates wear dark FLAT shoes, dark dresses, or dark pants with their graduation gowns.

Students may reserve their caps and gowns at <http://www.herffjones.com/college/graduation>. Please give your height, weight, degree, and major. Measurements must be received by Herff Jones by April 1, 2013 or a \$25.00 late fee may apply. Cap and gown fees can be paid directly to the Herff Jones Company when you place your order.

Pick Up

Graduation attire may be picked up at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on Thursday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If a reservation for attire was not made, please pick up on Friday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order to be fitted appropriately. Please be sure that attire is correct when picked up since little time will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for adjustments on Saturday, May 11, the morning of commencement. You may keep your attire - no return required.

Tassels

Tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap hanging over the right eye until the President asks you to move your tassel to the left side of the cap during the ceremony. The mortar board of the cap should be parallel to the ground.

Graduation with Honors / Honor Cords

Letters will be mailed before the end of the semester to all undergraduate candidates receiving graduation with honors. Your honor cord will be included with your attire. Pin the honor cord to the gown on the left shoulder. Please call (912) 478-0432 before May 7 if you have any questions.

NAME CARDS

A Name Card will be mailed to each candidate. You MUST have this Name Card before lining up for the procession. During the ceremony, you will take your Name Card to the reader in front of the stage so your name can be read as you cross the stage. If you do not have a Name Card when you arrive at the stadium, duplicates will be available in the "Candidate Line-Up Area" at your college table.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The academic procession for the candidates will form at 8:00 a.m. at the east end of Paulson Stadium near the scoreboard. The entrance to this area will be designated with a "Candidate Line-Up Area" sign. Students may be dropped off at the Gate 1 entrance on Chandler Road. The line-up area for the procession is indicated on the maps that follow. (See page 13)

Your location is determined by the college from which you are receiving your degree (see page 13). Please go to your college processional sign for line up. At each college processional sign, a Registrar's Office staff member will be available to assist you with line-up. When the procession begins, Registrar's Office staff members along with a senior faculty member from your college will direct your college to the designated seating area on the field (see page 12). Please stay in line--or you may find yourself sitting in the wrong area.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOS

A professional photographer will be taking a picture of you as you cross the stage. A proof of this picture will be emailed to you and mailed to your home address so that you may decide if you wish to purchase these photos.

The commencement ceremony will be available for download at <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement>.

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LIVE BROADCAST IN RUSSELL UNION

Relatives and friends may view the ceremony in the Russell Union Theatre. Seating is available on a first come first serve basis.

Undergraduate Student Information

(Students receiving Bachelor degrees)

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Georgia Southern University is proud to present the Spring Commencement Ceremony as a live web cast. Those wishing to view the broadcast will need a computer with Windows Media Player installed and access to the Internet. Apple computer users will need to download Flip4Mac available from Microsoft's website or by visiting (<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/player/wmcomponents.msp>). You can view the web cast directly from the Georgia Southern web site by following the Commencement link at <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu>. A test broadcast will be available 30 minutes prior to commencement and the actual broadcast will begin a few minutes before the start of the ceremony.

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GUEST ENTRANCE AND SEATING

Relatives and friends may enter the stadium through Gates 2, 3, 4, or 6. Please refer to the diagrams on pages 12 and 13 for suggested seating of guests according to the college of the candidates. Tickets are not required.

FOOD / WATER

Drinking water will be available for graduating students at the water stations located in the "Candidate Line-Up Area". Concession stands selling food and drinks will be open throughout the commencement ceremony.

STADIUM RULES

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in Paulson Stadium. Umbrellas are not permitted in the stadium. Stadium rules will be enforced.

PARKING / SHUTTLE SERVICE

Due to the extremely large crowd expected, it is suggested that plans be made to arrive on campus by 8:00 a.m. It is also strongly suggested that you park in one of the designated parking areas indicated on the map on page 11 and utilize the campus shuttle services to get to the stadium. Shuttle service will start at 7:30 a.m. and will continue until one hour after the ceremony ends. Carpooling is encouraged.

For further traffic and parking information, please tune in to WVGS 91.9 FM on commencement day.

DISABLED GUEST ACCESS

If your guest requires special accommodations for a disability, special seating is available. Due to limited seating in the handicap areas, only one person will be allowed to accompany the handicapped person in the handicap seating area. Please see the diagram on page 13 for wheelchairs and other handicap seating. A designated handicap parking area is available for entry to the stadium in close proximity to the handicap seating area, but space is limited so please arrive early. A state handicap parking permit is required. Please limit handicap seating and parking for those who truly require special accommodations. Guests entering the stadium from the designated handicap parking area should enter through Gate 2. (See diagram on page 13.) If you have questions, please contact the Student Disability Resource Center at (912) 478-1566.

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(Students receiving Bachelor degrees)

RAIN PLAN

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If rain threatens the outdoor ceremony, commencement exercises will be moved to Hanner Fieldhouse. The decision to implement the rain plan will be made the morning of the ceremony and will be announced on the following local radio stations:

91.9 FM
102.9 FM
107.3 FM
1240 AM

Information will also be available by calling the following numbers or accessing Georgia Southern's web site <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu>

COMMENCEMENT INFO LINES (Day of Commencement):

(912) 478-6397
(912) 478-4636
(912) 478-5234

Since seating in Hanner Fieldhouse is limited, commencement will be held in **FOUR CEREMONIES**. Please see below for further information on each ceremony.

9:00 A.M. CEREMONY

Candidates report at 8:00 A.M.
College of Education
College of Science and Mathematics

11:00 A.M. CEREMONY

Candidates report at 10:00 A.M.
College of Health and Human Sciences

1:00 P.M. CEREMONY

Candidates report at 12:00 Noon
College of Business Administration
Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & Information
Technology

3:00 P.M. CEREMONY

Candidates report at 2:00 P.M.
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Center for International Studies
Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)
Bachelor of Science (International Trade)

Candidates should report to the Old Gym in Hanner Complex for lineup. Duplicate Name Cards will be available at the college tables in the Old Gym.

Disabled Guests Access

Handicap seating for persons in wheelchairs is located on the lower level of Hanner Fieldhouse which can be accessed from the rear of Hanner. Additional handicap seating for persons who are not in wheelchairs is available on the upper level of the fieldhouse and can be accessed through the front/main entrance to the fieldhouse. A maximum of one person will be allowed to accompany the handicapped person in the handicap seating area. Special parking will be available in front of Hanner. A state handicap parking permit is required. A uniformed police officer will be stationed at the Herty Drive entrance to the fieldhouse parking area to assist those in need of special help.

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Campus Map

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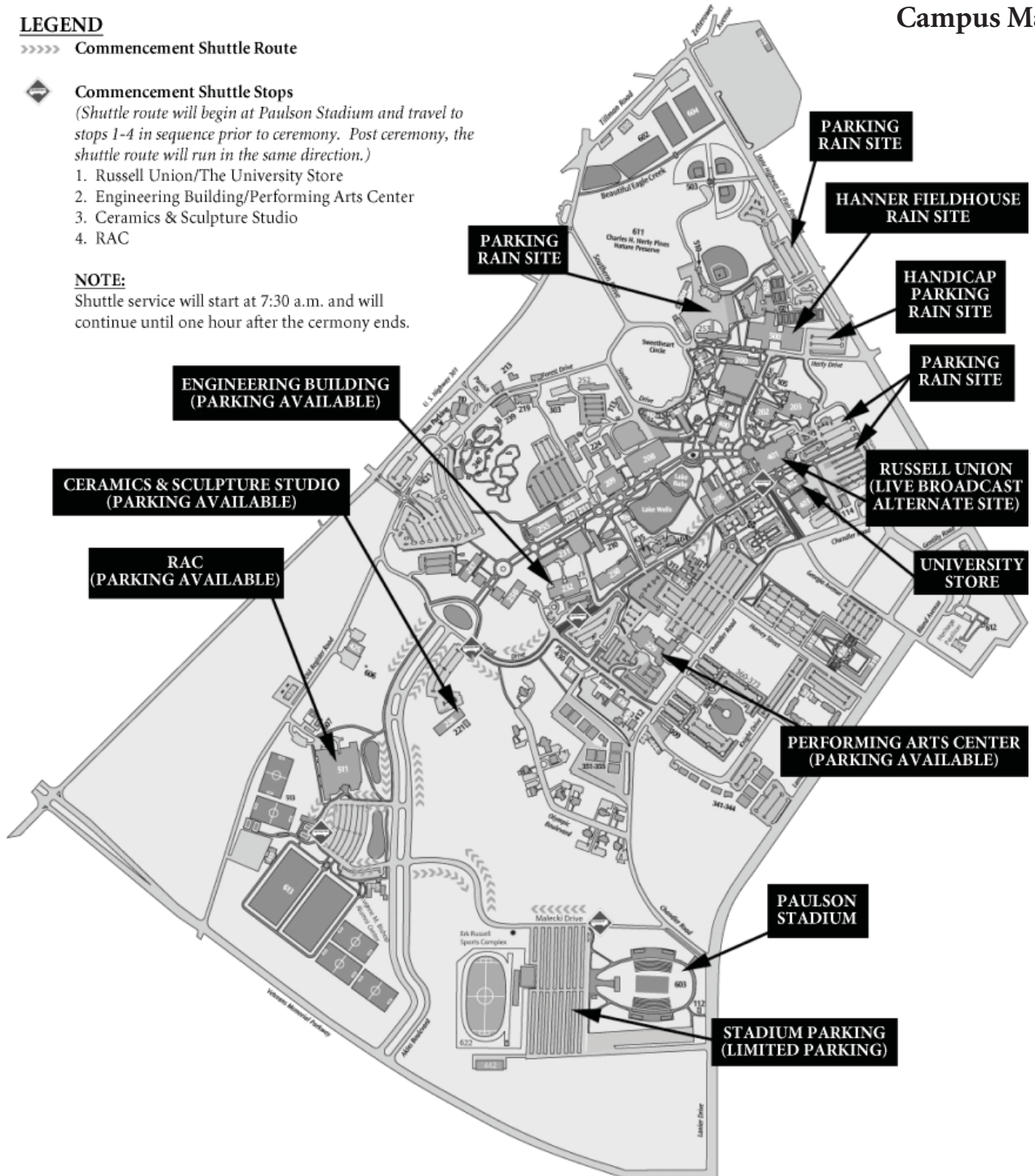
Commencement Shuttle Stops

(Shuttle route will begin at Paulson Stadium and travel to stops 1-4 in sequence prior to ceremony. Post ceremony, the shuttle route will run in the same direction.)

1. Russell Union/The University Store
2. Engineering Building/Performing Arts Center
3. Ceramics & Sculpture Studio
4. RAC

NOTE:

Shuttle service will start at 7:30 a.m. and will continue until one hour after the ceremony ends.



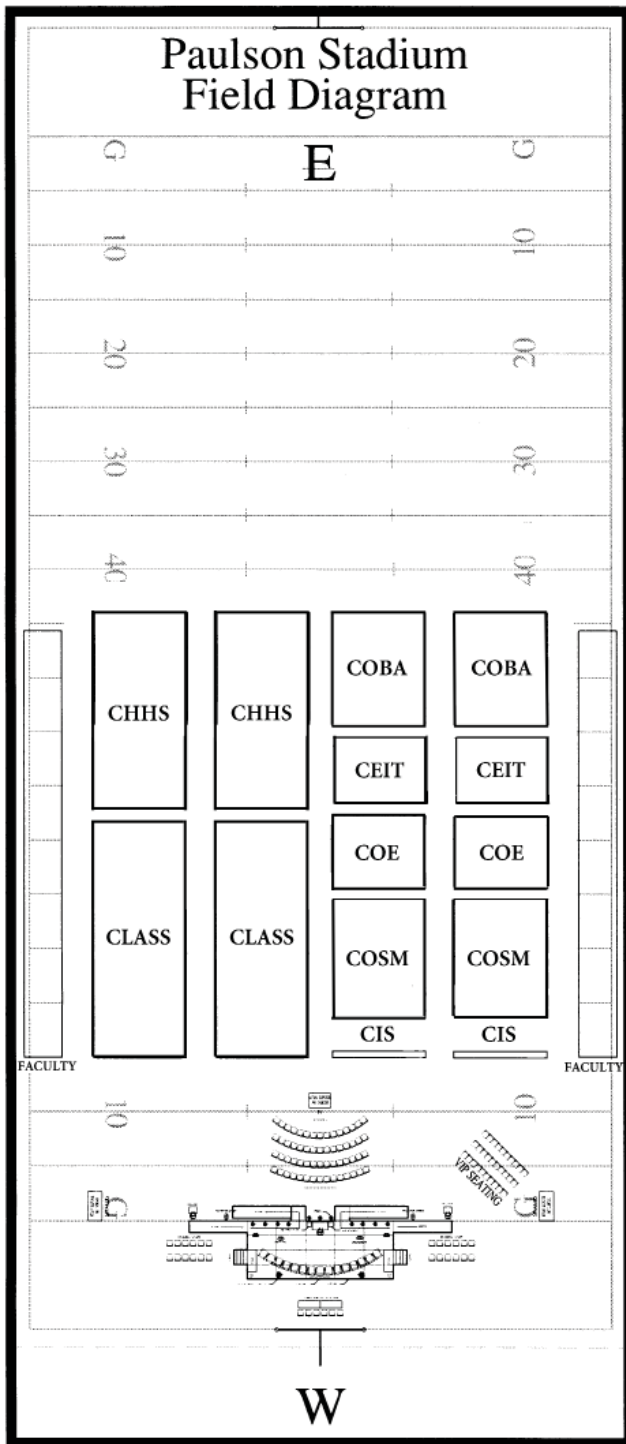
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Please use this diagram to locate where your student will be seated on the field. This will help you determine the best seating option for watching your student during the ceremony.

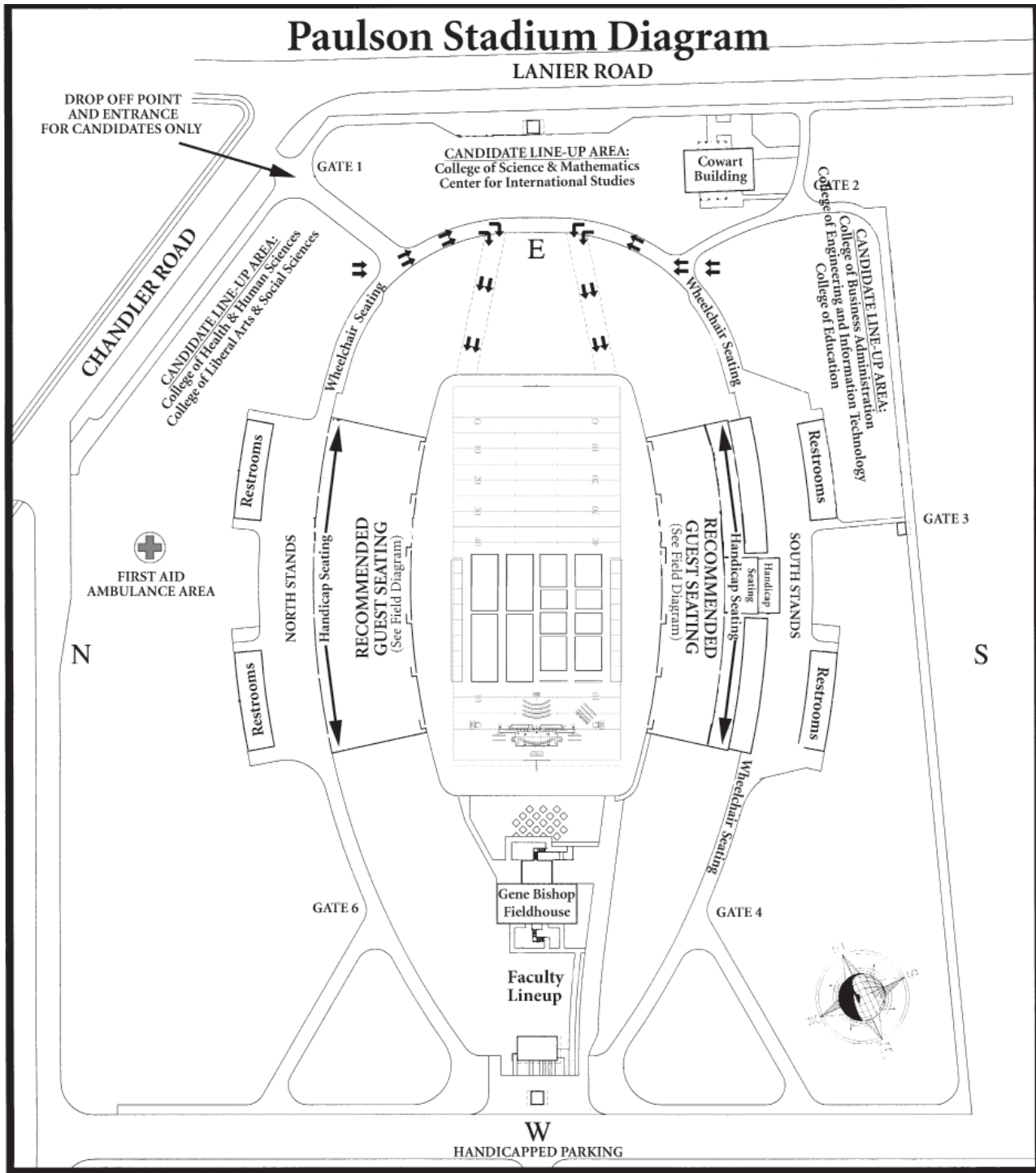
Abbreviation Legend:

CEIT - College of Engineering and Information Technology
 CHHS - College of Health and Human Sciences
 CIS - Center for International Studies
 CLASS - College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
 COBA - College of Business Administration
 COE - College of Education
 COSM - College of Science and Mathematics



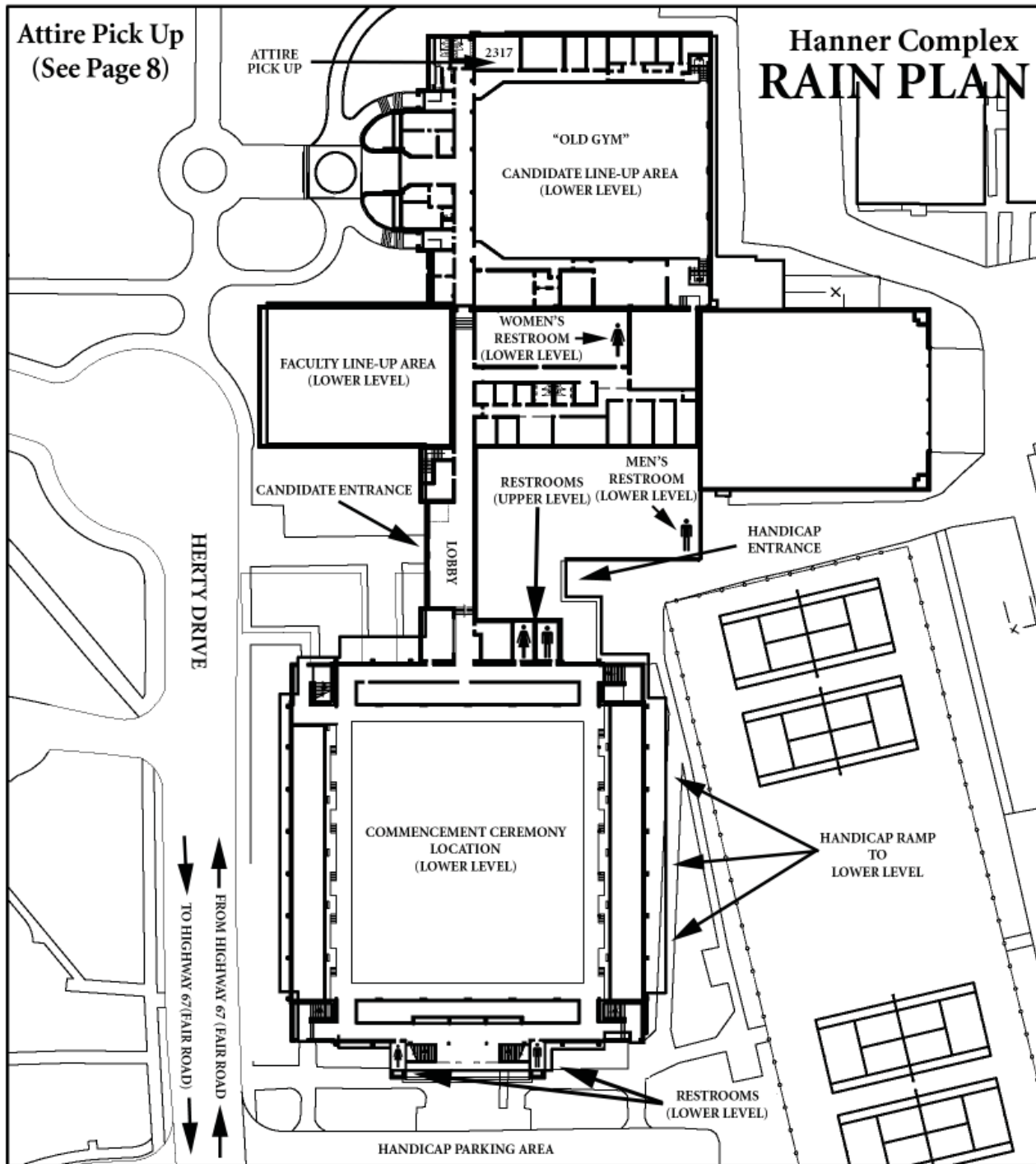
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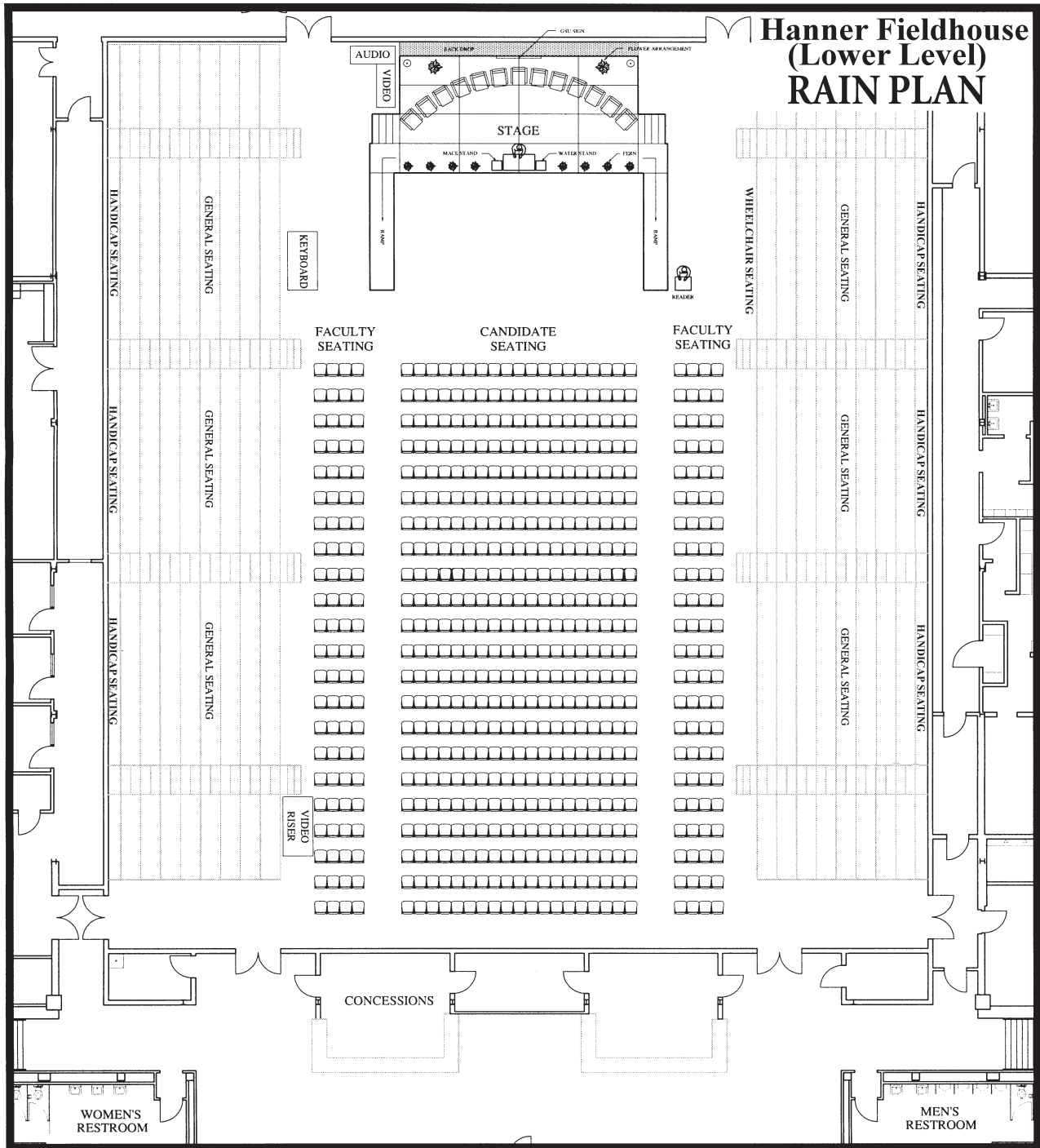
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THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION

The Mace

Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the Moderator of the Faculty Senate at Georgia Southern University.

The Mace is a two and one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur Bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, Associate Professor of Art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.



The design of the Mace blends forms suggested by native flora of South Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern's link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.

Regalia

The history of academic attire is also traced to the Middle Ages when it may have been necessary for scholars to wear gowns and cowls for warmth in the unheated halls of academe of the period. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution.

Today's gowns for baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Bachelors gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gowns for the masters and specialist degree, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist. The doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves which may be worn open or closed. It is the tradition of Georgia Southern to reserve hoods for masters and education specialist degree candidates. These hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

Caps in the form of mortarboards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel is the color which reflects the degree.

The ornamental braided cord draped over the left shoulder of some of the baccalaureate graduates is called a fourragère. The design follows French military tradition and signifies special recognition of baccalaureate students graduating with honors.

Banners

Banners representing each of the eight Colleges, the Center for International Studies, and the University Library are displayed at Commencement. Representation of the Banners signify the colors of disciplines in the Colleges, and celebrate the University's academic programs.