



The University of Arizona Global Campus **COMMENCEMENT NEWSLETTER**

Commencement Weekend Highlights

SATURDAY 6/8/24

Graduation Celebration

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Enjoy a day with your fellow graduates at the University of Arizona Global Campus Graduation Celebration! For a complete list of activities, see page 3.

SUNDAY 6/9/24

Commencement Ceremony

7 a.m. Check-in opens

9 a.m. Commencement begins

The University of Arizona Global Campus Commencement ceremony will take place at the Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, AZ.

Saturday, June 8 Details

The University of Arizona Global Campus Graduation Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 8, with main celebration events taking place at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel and Spa located at 9495 W. Entertainment Blvd., Glendale, AZ. This fun-filled festival will be packed with plenty to do for the entire family including various events, a career fair, a kids' fun zone, photo opportunities, a "Meet Your Faculty" event, and more!



HELLO, GRADUATES!

Congratulations! You have come a long way, and the Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremony is just around the corner.

Both graduates and undergraduates will attend one ceremony, which will take place at the Desert Diamond Arena located at 9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale, AZ, on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

The day before, on Saturday, June 8, graduates and guests are invited to attend the Graduation Celebration. It will be hosted at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel and Spa at 9495 W. Entertainment Blvd., Glendale, AZ, and welcomes families for a day of fun events. A complete schedule of weekend events is found on the following pages.

We look forward to celebrating with you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

The University of Arizona Global Campus
Commencement Committee

Please note: By being present at the events held throughout commencement weekend, you release the University of Arizona Global Campus from all claims regarding the use of your likeness and/or image in any print or electronic media including, but not limited to, video, TV, and newspaper.



SATURDAY 6/8/24

Military Event

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. (SOLANA E)

If graduates are affiliated with the military, be sure to attend with family members. Each branch will be recognized.

Honor Societies Meet & Greet

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (SOLANA E)

Open to Honor Society members and their families. The following Honor Societies at UAGC are:

Alpha Sigma Lambda

Delta Alpha Pi

Golden Key International Honour Society

Phi Theta Kappa

SALUTE

Sigma Beta Delta

Sigma Nu Tau

Tau Upsilon Alpha

Meet Your Faculty

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. (SOLANA E)

Meet the College of Arts and Sciences and the Forbes School of Business and Technology® faculty.

CHAMPS and Honors Program Events

If graduates belong to the CHAMPS Peer Mentoring Program or the Honors Program, there will be events taking place by invitation only. Please reach out to program coordinators for more information.

Decorate Your Cap

There will be a station set up on Saturday if graduates would like to decorate their caps and personalize them for the big event! Bring graduation caps, and look for the decoration station on Saturday!

Student Bookstore Sale

Don't forget to make a stop at the Bookstore sale to purchase the latest UAGC gear! The store will be open on Saturday, June 8 at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel and Spa and on Sunday June 9 at the Desert Diamond Arena.

Honors Regalia

Graduates who have not completed their courses prior to the ceremony weekend will have their degrees evaluated three weeks prior to the ceremony to determine qualification for University honors. If qualifications are met as of that review, temporary honors will be awarded to the graduates and will be recognized at the ceremony. Any graduate who has earned honors or has been temporarily awarded honors will receive regalia when they check in during commencement weekend. This group includes graduates who have been inducted into honor societies (Alpha Sigma Lambda, Delta Alpha Pi, Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Theta Kappa, SALUTE, Sigma Beta Delta, Sigma Nu Tau, and Tau Upsilon Alpha) and/ or graduates earning University honor designations (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude). For graduates who have previously been inducted into an honor society, there is no additional cost for honors regalia. Graduates may not join societies the day of the ceremony. Actual honors earned are listed on official University transcripts.

Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

The University of Arizona Global Campus is excited to celebrate our doctoral graduates! The hooding ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 4p.m. – 5p.m. Doctoral graduates will have the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with friends and family and be hooded by academic leadership and doctoral Faculty to mark the completion of their doctoral journey. This is an invitation-only event for doctoral graduates, family, and friends. Doctoral graduates are also invited to attend the Commencement Ceremony.

Early Check-in

To cut down on long lines and wait times on Sunday, graduates attending the Graduation Celebration on Saturday are highly encouraged to participate in early check-in.

Get Your Picture Taken with UAGC Leadership

Don't pass your chance to have your picture taken with SVP Gary Packard and others!

SATURDAY 6/8/24

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m (Location - Hallway)

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Location - Hallway)



Saturday 6/8/24 All-Day Events

EVENT	TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Ceremony Early Check-in	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Check in early for the Sunday ceremony to get your regalia and Grad Reel order card.	Trade Show & Event Center
Bookstore Sale	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Stock up on all your favorite UAGC gear!	Cira A
Commencement Group T-Shirts	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Pick up or purchase your UAGC Flowers/T-shirts/Kukui Nut Leis.	Cira A
Jostens Sales	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Purchase keepsakes to commemorate this momentous event.	Cira A
Future Achievers Fun Zone	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	This kids' area is loaded with fun things to do including balloon animals, face painting, games, and more.	Cira B & C
Career Fair	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Graduates can engage with a diverse array of local and national employers seeking talent for degree-level career roles. Also, connect with Alumni Services, CHAMPS Peer Mentoring, and Graduate Enrollment to explore avenues for staying connected with the UAGC Community beyond graduation.	Solana B, C, & D
Career Services	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Start your post-graduation planning now. Stop and talk about your future with our Career Services & Alumni Relations staff. Dress your best (e.g., blazer or collared shirt) to take advantage of receiving a professional headshot from our photographer for use on your LinkedIn profile.	Solana B, C, & D
Cap Decorating Station	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Bring your graduation cap so you can decorate and personalize it for the big event!	Solana F, G, & H
Photo Booth	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Make sure to remember your visit by taking a photo with fun props and your family to share on social media! #UAGCgrad24.	Solana F, G, & H

Saturday 6/8/24 Scheduled Events

EVENT	TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Military Appreciation Event	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Military and Veteran graduates, along with their families, are invited to a recognition reception.	Solana E
Picture with Leadership	10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Get your photo taken with SVP Gary Packard and other UAGC Leadership.	Hallway
Honor Societies Meet & Greet	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Honor Societies: Alpha Sigma Lambda, Delta Alpha Pi, Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Theta Kappa, SALUTE, Sigma Beta Delta, Sigma Nu Tau, and Tau Upsilon Alpha	Solana E
Golden Key International Honour Society Service Event	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	It has become tradition during graduation weekend to have a service event involving the University of Arizona Global Campus honor societies.	Solana D & C
Meet Your Faculty Forbes School of Business and Technology® and College of Arts and Sciences	12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	UAGC Faculty are eager to celebrate you! Attend to take pictures, have faculty sign your UAGC memorabilia, tell us about your favorite faculty member, course, and chat with UAGC faculty in your field about your career goals.	Solana E
Picture with Wilbur and Wilma	12:30 p.m - 2 p.m.	Say "hello" to the University of Arizona mascots!	Hallway

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Commencement Ceremony Parking

On Sunday, June 9, Lots G and J, on the east side of the Desert Diamond Arena, will open at 7 a.m. for graduates and guests to park. Parking will be a \$10 charge, cards only. Once you have parked your vehicle, guests can proceed to Gate 4 and graduates to Gate 7. For families staying in hotels in close proximity to the Arena, guests still enter at Gate 4, and graduates can enter at Gate 7.

An accessible drop off area for graduates with pre-arranged accommodations or who experience mobility challenges will be available along the east side of Desert Diamond Arena on Sunrise Blvd. Graduates can then proceed directly to Gate 7. Then your party may proceed to parking lots G or J.

NOTE: Traffic to and from the event can be very congested. Please take this into consideration when planning travel arrangements. It could take 30 minutes to an hour to exit the lot after the ceremony. For up to date road conditions, click [here](#).

Accommodations and Accessibility

Graduates requesting accommodation(s) for a disability should contact the Office of Student Access and Wellness at access@uagc.edu a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the ceremony in order to ensure all requests may be met. Accessible seating areas will be designated for guests who need them. Please have guests arrive early to ensure access to these seating areas.

Saturday, June 8 - Parking

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, graduates can make their way to the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel and Spa. There is parking available at or near the hotel.

Sunday, June 9 - Planning for Your Ceremony

TICKETING

Tickets will not be issued for the commencement. Instead, we will offer open seating. Seating at the Desert Diamond Arena will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

RIDESHARE INFORMATION

For arrivals and departures throughout Commencement Weekend, please ensure pick-up and drop-off locations are at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel and Spa.

DESERT DIAMOND ARENA BAG POLICY

Crossbodies, clutches, wristlets, and wallets are allowed as long as they are no larger than 4.5"x6.5". Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection, including but not limited to oxygen tanks, diabetes kits, allergy pens, etc.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Balloons, signs, banners, or flags of any kind will not be permitted.

WATER BOTTLE POLICY

Factory sealed water bottles, no larger than 17 ounces, are allowed inside the arena. No personal water bottles are permitted.

DESERT DIAMOND ARENA PROTOCOL

Children are not allowed in the graduate staging area or on the Arena floor. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The University of Arizona Global Campus will be unable to provide any childcare services.

You've earned it!

Congratulations to the University of Arizona Global Campus spring 2024 graduates!

Protocol for Crossing the Stage

Degree levels will be announced and conferred. Then, candidates will rise and file to either side of the stage and up the ramp. On the way, students will be given their diploma cover and have some picture opportunities. Once on the stage, candidates will hand their Grad Roll cards to a UAGC representative. The student's name will be announced over the loudspeakers and their name will appear on the screen at the Desert Diamond Arena. The candidates then proceed to shake hands with UAGC Leadership. All candidates then exit the stage from the center staircase and proceed back to their original seat.

Please note: Diplomas will not be issued at the ceremony. Diplomas will be ordered and mailed to your address on file upon completion of all degree requirements and payment of any outstanding balance due to the University.

Appropriate Commencement Attire

Graduates should wear appropriate business attire, such as dresses, skirts, dress slacks, dress shirts, neckties, etc. Please wear dark, comfortable shoes as graduates may be standing for long periods of time or walking some distance. Mortar boards should be worn with the point above the nose and flat so the square part is level. Master's degree candidates should have their tassels on the left side. Bachelor's degree candidates should have their tassels on the right side. Proper decorum is expected of all participants.

Photography and Video

Each graduate will have photos taken by official photographers provided by the University of Arizona Global Campus. Graduates will be emailed photography purchase options approximately 48 hours after the ceremony. Graduates and guests may take photographs during the ceremonies from their seats but are prohibited from taking photos in the aisles or blocking the sight lines of other guests for long periods of time.

Accessibility

The University of Arizona Global Campus is committed to universal access and welcomes the participation of all graduates and guests. Graduates requesting accommodation for a disability should contact the Office of Student Access and Wellness at access@uagc.edu. Accessible seating is available for guests and graduates. Guests must be able to reach their seats without staff support. There are elevators throughout the Desert Diamond Arena.

Captioning and ASL Interpreting

Commencement activities will be live captioned on a video monitor for the commencement ceremony. For graduates or guests who require interpreting services, please contact access@uagc.edu to make a request.

UAGC Swag and Gear

Items from the UAGC bookstore, Commencement Group, and Jostens will be available on Saturday and Sunday at both the Renaissance and the Desert Diamond Arena.

Sunday Commencement Map

Lot G

Parking

Gate 7

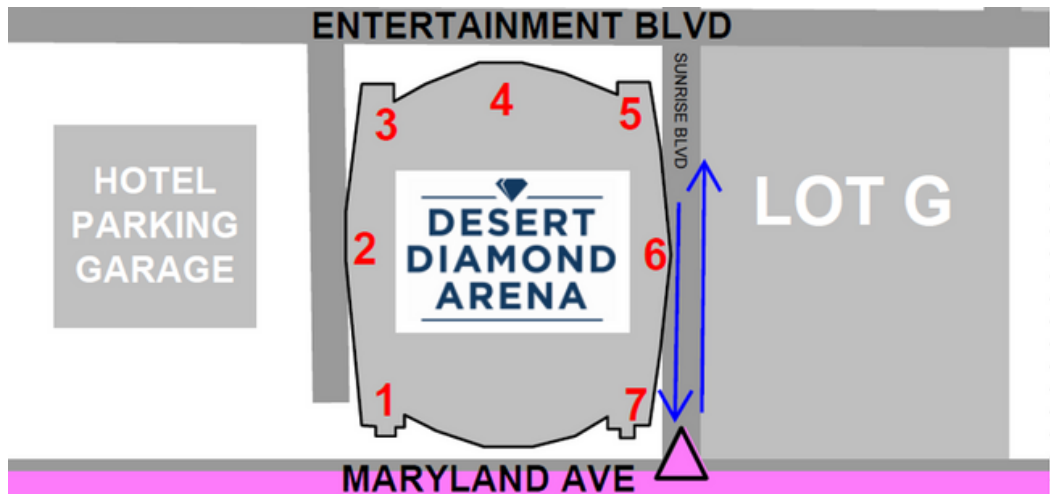
Graduate Entrance

Gate 4

Guest Entrance

Sunrise Blvd

ADA Drop-Off



Please reach out to graduation.information@uagc.edu with any questions.

First Aid and Medical Assistance

Emergency Medical Services staff will be on site.

Live Broadcast

The University ceremony will be broadcast live. The link can be found online at uagc.edu/student-experience/graduation.

Things To Do in Glendale, AZ

Wondering what to do or where to eat while you are in Glendale for the weekend? visitglendale.com/things-to-do/ has everything you need to know to make your stay in Glendale a great one. From the website, you can find a list of attractions, restaurants, or activities to keep you busy.

Questions?

We hope this newsletter answers a lot of your questions. Visit uagc.edu/student-experience/graduation for more details on traveling to Glendale, local hotel information, and much more.

If you have any questions or concerns, email graduation.information@uagc.edu.

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