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## **(4/20/23) Parents: Important Commencement Information**

Dear Parents,

**The following message was shared with graduating students and we would like to share it with you as well:**

We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and have had a chance to enjoy the Festival of Scholars and Artists. Another Friday means another update from the commencement office! Please read below for important information about the commencement ceremony.

In this email: Commencement Speaker, Lei Pre-Ordering, Veterans Memorial Coliseum Policies, Baccalaureate, Tickets, Lineup Instructions, and Name Pronunciations

### **Name Pronunciations**

Every year we offer students the opportunity to share how their name is pronounced with the faculty name reader to ensure that their name is pronounced correctly during the commencement ceremony. This year's faculty name reader is Dr. Tammy Weissman-Unni.

To provide your correct name pronunciation for the graduation ceremony, please use [this link](#) to video record yourself saying your name. You can skip making a Flipgrid account by simply selecting the "Join with guest password" option at the bottom -- password is: Grad2023! This process will take less than 1 minute!

If you prefer to clarify the pronunciation of your name in person, you may also visit Professor Weissman's office (BioPsych 222) to meet with her. If you choose this option, please stop by during any of her dedicated sessions for senior name pronunciations:

Monday April 24: 4:30 - 6:30 PM  
Tuesday April 25: 10-11 AM  
Weds April 26: 12:30 - 2 PM  
Tuesday May 2: 12 - 1:30 PM  
Wednesday May 3: 12 - 1:30 PM

It is VERY important to us that your name is pronounced correctly during the ceremony, so please be sure to clarify how your name is pronounced.

### **Commencement Speaker**



Introducing the commencement speaker for the 2023 ceremony, Dr. Aomawa Shields! Dr. Aomawa Shields is an astronomer, astrobiologist, actor, and writer. She received her PhD in Astronomy and Astrobiology from the University of Washington in 2014. Dr. Shields received an MFA in Acting from UCLA in 2001, and a Bachelor's degree in Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences from MIT in 1997. She is currently a Clare Boothe Luce Associate Professor at the University of California, Irvine. She uses her theater and writing background to communicate science to the public in engaging, innovative ways.

You can preorder her new book, *Life on Other Planets*, [here](#).

### **Lei Pre-Ordering**

Leis are currently available for [pre-ordering](#) through Floral Sunshine! The deadline to order is **April 23rd**. If you'd like to order a lei for commencement and would like to ensure it is available to pick up on time, please pre-order before the deadline!

## Veterans Memorial Coliseum

Before heading to the commencement venue, there are a few things you should know. Please read the page linked below to ensure you are informed about the venue's policies. [Here](#), you can read about the bag policy as well as a list of prohibited items.

## Baccalaureate



We are excited to announce the *Senior Baccalaureate 2023: Venturing Beyond!*

This event is an opportunity for the Class of '23 to come together to reflect, honor, and celebrate our experiences together over the last several years as we graduate and transition forward. On May 5th at 1pm, we will gather in Agnes Flanagan Chapel for stories, music, and conversation. Please bring your loved ones. [Learn more about the Baccalaureate ceremony.](#)

The Senior Baccalaureate Planning Committee is looking for seniors to sign up to share their creations, expressions, and reflections at this event! [Please sign up to contribute](#) by April 20th, 2023. We are looking for songs, poems, dance, words, visual art – anything you'd like to share – that speaks to how you've become rooted in, and are growing beyond, this place on the hill.

Please feel free to reach out to [Clara Daikh](#) with any questions.

### **Tickets**

Tickets are now available to reserve! Please request your tickets [here](#). A reminder that while tickets are unlimited this year, they are still required to enter the venue.

Tickets **MUST** be reserved using a L&C email address. Please make sure you are logged in to your L&C email when reserving tickets. **Tickets reserved with a non-L&C email address are void and will automatically be canceled.**

Special Accommodations tickets are available for guests who need extra time entering the venue. If anyone in your guest list requires extra time entering the venue before the crowd, please make sure to reserve a ticket for them. The Veterans Memorial Coliseum will have wheelchairs available for guests as well, if needed. If you have any questions about the special accommodations process, please [email us](#).

### **Lineup Instructions**

Please review the student [lineup instructions](#) prior to commencement to ensure you know what to do during the ceremony!



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