



COMMENCEMENT *Frequently Asked Questions*

1. **How will my family and guests know where to sit in the Dome?**

Each School/College has a designated section on the floor of the Edward Jones Dome. These sections are identified on the map on the inside cover of the Commencement program. Each individual School/College map also includes the numbered sections in the Dome seating area closest to School/College's position on the floor.

2. **How will I find my family and guests after the ceremonies?**

We encourage you to use your School/College map and designate a meeting place with your guests prior to the ceremonies. We expect over 12,000 people to attend the Commencement events and, along with those attending other events in the Dome, there will be a lot of people moving through the America's Center/Edward Jones Dome.

Please NOTE: the floor of the Edward Jones Dome is restricted to graduates only. Your family and guests will not be allowed on this level.

We also encourage you to bring cell phones so you are able to communicate with your family and guests.

3. **One of my guests is elderly and cannot walk long distances. What are the accommodations for them?**

Depending on the locations of your ceremonies, you may want to consider a wheelchair for anyone having difficulty walking. The Edward Jones Dome/ America's Center does not rent wheelchairs. We encourage you to rent one and bring it with you. Refer to the *Guests with Special Needs* map for the location of elevators and wheelchair seating in the Dome. Be sure to check the box on your RSVP card to reserve wheelchair seating.

There is a circle drive in front of the Washington Avenue and the 7th & Convention Plaza entrances for easy drop-off.

4. **May I walk in the ceremony even though I am not officially graduating in May?**

Students may contact their academic Dean to request permission to "walk" in the formal ceremony. Generally, permission is granted if the student is in good academic standing and will complete all of the graduation requirements within the next enrollment term (ie. will graduate in the following summer semester). Students should note that their names will not appear in formal graduation lists (including the printed program), and that this informal participation is granted at the discretion of the respective Dean's office.

Requests should be submitted in writing by March 17, 2008 for the May ceremony.