

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

2020 FOSTER GRADUATION CELEBRATION FAQs

Does the Business School plan any events for graduating seniors?

Yes, the Foster School is planning a graduation celebration on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at 1:00pm. Graduates can register to attend online: <http://foster.uw.edu/academics/graduation>

So, is this a Foster School 'Graduation Ceremony'?

No, it is not. There will be a processional, faculty will be present, and students will walk across the stage while their names are read. But, there will be no diplomas handed out, and degrees will not be conferred. The celebration is an opportunity for Foster to give individual recognition to each of its graduates.

How do I meet eligibility requirements for the 2020 Foster Graduation Celebration?

Students who earned a degree in Summer 2019, Autumn 2019, or Winter 2020, or have applied to graduate with a departmental advisor for Spring 2020 or Summer 2020 are eligible. Make sure you apply to graduate by April 19 to guarantee your name is printed in the Foster program.

Note: *Summer graduates may choose to participate either before or following their August graduation date. If they choose the June before, they must apply to graduate by the third week of spring quarter, but their names will not be listed in the program until the following year. Autumn 2020 graduates who are interested in participating in the 2020 Foster Graduation Celebration will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact pesola@uw.edu for more information. Students who do not wish to be listed in the program should contact pesola@uw.edu*

When will degrees be conferred?

Degrees for all UW graduates from the 2019-2020 school year will be conferred at the UW Commencement Exercises on Saturday, June 13, 2020. For more information about UW Commencement, www.uw.edu/graduation

Do I have to wear a cap and gown to the Foster School's Celebration?

Yes, you should plan on wearing a cap and gown to the celebration. Find more information about ordering academic apparel on the Commencement Office website: www.uw.edu/graduation

What else happens at the celebration?

The Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and the Dean of the Business School will make remarks. There will be a keynote speaker and a student speaker. The celebration is also a great time to introduce your friends and family to the business students, faculty and staff that you've gotten to know over the years.

My family is coming from out of town. Do you know where they can stay? How about directions to the UW?

For details about travel and lodging: www.uw.edu/graduation

Do graduates need to arrive early?

Yes, graduates need to arrive no later than 12:30pm. Please note that gowns, bags, etc. will be searched at check-in. Please refer to the graduation website for a list of restricted items: <http://foster.uw.edu/academics/graduation>

How many people can I invite; do I need tickets?

At this time we are not limiting the number of people you can invite and you do not need tickets to attend. *You must RSVP online before May 29, 2020.*

I, or one of my guests, have special needs (special seating, sign language interpreter, etc). How do I request accommodations?

To request disability accommodation, contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at: 206.543.6450/V, 206.543.6452/TTY, 206.685.7264 (FAX), or dso@u.washington.edu.

Is there parking?

Yes, parking is available on campus. Parking rates are \$14 pre-paid and \$15 day of. You will be able to pre-purchase parking passes online using the form to purchase cap and gown, parking permits, and other graduation items. The form will be available in early May. For guests with special needs, please request a UW disabled parking designation at any campus gatehouse. Follow this link to see campus parking lots near Alaska Airlines Arena/Hec Edmundson Pavilion: www.washington.edu/home/maps/?EDP

Will I be photographed walking across stage? How can I purchase those photographs?

Yes. GradImages Photography will be on hand to take your photo in three different areas. These photos will be available for purchase a few weeks after the event. You will provide your contact info on the back of your name card so that GradImages can send you your photo proofs in the mail or electronically.

Can my family and friends watch the celebration live?

Yes. We will be livestreaming the event via the [University of Washington Foster Undergraduate Program's Facebook Page](#). The recorded video will be posted to [UWTV's YouTube Channel](#) as well as available on DVD for purchase following the event.

Will concessions be available at the celebration?

Yes. Concessions will be open. Water will be provided to graduates.

Can I attend both the UW Commencement Exercises and the Business School's Graduation Celebration? Or, do I have to choose one?

Of course, you are welcome to attend both events! These events are meant to be complementary and not mutually exclusive.