

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

*COMMENCEMENT
MAY 7, 2022
8:00 P.M.*

*VON BRAUN CENTER
700 MONROE STREET, HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801*

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT YOUR
GRADUATION DAY**

2022 OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY GRADUATION SCHEDULE

MAY 4-7, 2022

Good luck as you embark
on your new journey!
From the Oakwood
University Family

**NOTE: Due to COVID, dates,
events, and times may change.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

1:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Education Teacher Dedication Ceremony

Speaker: Johnny Holliday, Ph.D.

3:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Social Work Pinning Ceremony

Speaker: Octavio Ramirez, Ph.D., LICSW

5:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Nutrition and Dietetics Pinning Ceremony

Speaker: Tia Jeffery, Ph.D., RDN, CHES

7:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Graduate Dedication

Speaker: Jessica Baizer, MS, PMP

THURSDAY, MAY 5

1:00 p.m.

Tree Planting/Senior Class (Unity Pond)

3:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Nurses Pinning Ceremony

Speaker: Martha Dawson, DNP, MSN, RN, FACHE

5:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Theology Dedication Ceremony

Speaker: Ron Smith, Ph.D., D.Min.

7:00 p.m. (Virtual)

LEAP Senior Ceremony

Speaker: Ivor Myers, BS

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Consecration

Oakwood University Church

8:00 p.m.

Speaker: Alexis Madrid, MA, MFT



MAY 7 - SATURDAY

Von Braun Center

9:00 a.m.

Sabbath School

10:00 a.m.

Baccalaureate

Speaker: Debleaire Snell, M.Div.

7:00 p.m.

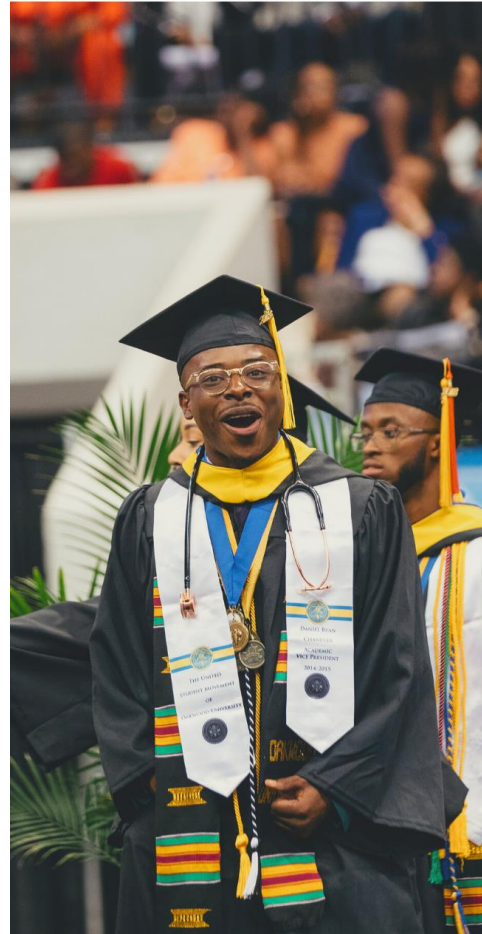
Aeolians Mini-Concert/Vespers

8:00 p.m.

Commencement

Speaker: Milton H. Jones, Jr.

MARCHING CARD PACKAGE



MARCHING CARD

PICKUP TIMES FOR MARCHING BAG:
(includes Marching Card, medallions,
etc.)

MAY 6, 2022 - FRIDAY
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

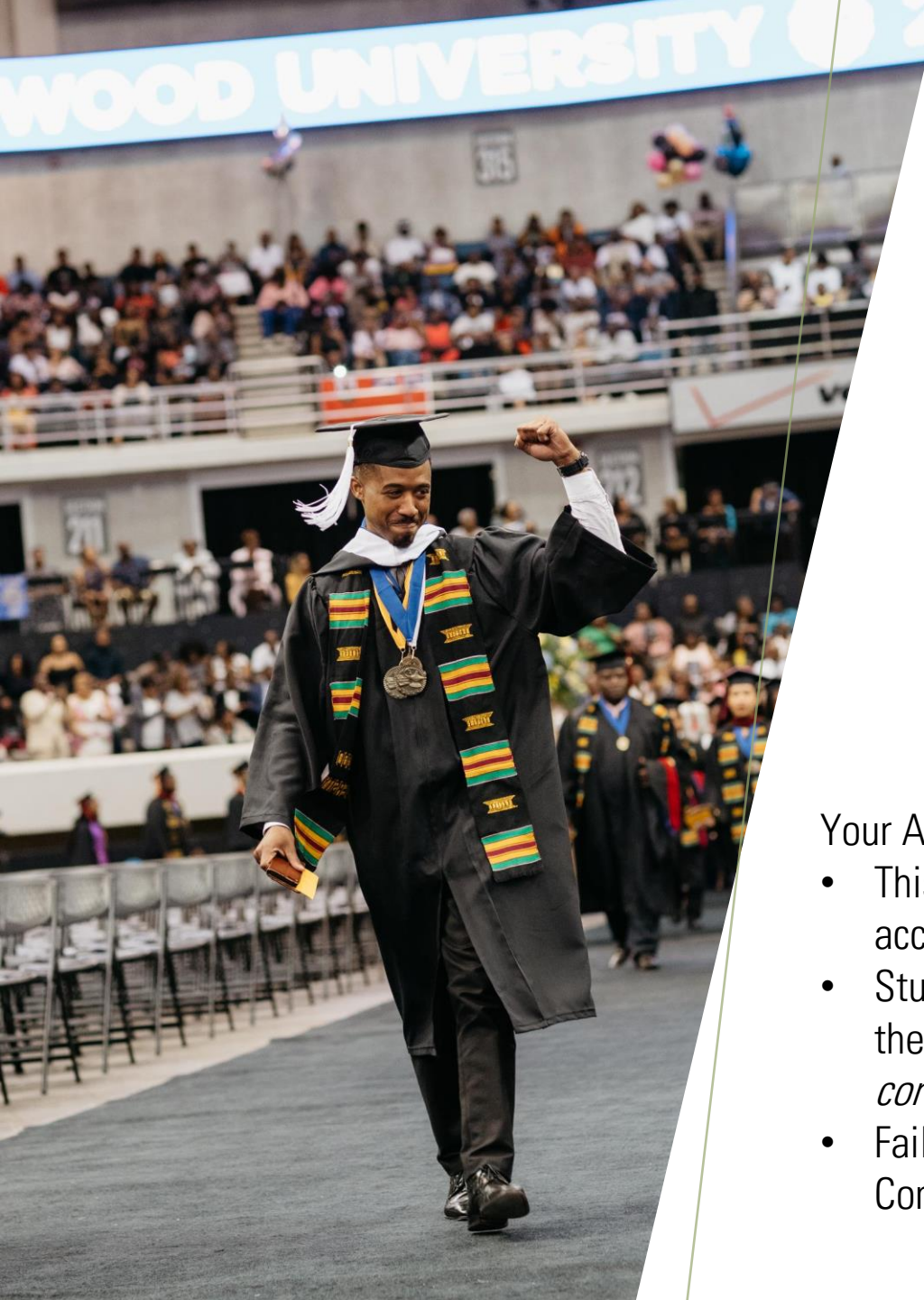
MAY 7, 2022 - SATURDAY
2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
Embassy Suites
800 Monroe Street, Huntsville, AL 35801

REGISTRAR OFFICE: Tel: 256-726-7353 Email: registrar@oakwood.edu

The procession will begin prior to the start of the ceremony—Please be on time! The Marching Card indicates your number in line and there will be University staff to assist with the line-up. Your Marching Card is the key to receiving your diploma jacket.

NO CARD, NO MARCHING and NO DIPLOMA JACKET.



GRADUATION ATTIRE

- Senior Regalia Dress/Order:

- Robe
- Kenta Shawl
- Honor Cords
- Medallions
- Hoods – Degree color shows in front/School color fan out in the rear.
- Cap/Mortar board – Tassel should be worn on the right side just over the right temple area.
- Dark Shoes

Your Academic Regalia is the appropriate attire for the occasion.

- This includes: a black academic gown, hood, and mortarboard with no personal accessories.
- Student members of approved academic honorariums for Commencement may wear their insignia or honor cord of that academic honorary. *Flowers, personal jewelry, pins or cords from social fraternities or sororities are not to be worn on academic robes.*
- Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in students being removed from the Commencement line-up.



GRADUATION HONORS

Summa Cum Laude

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.90

Magna Cum Laude

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75

Cum Laude

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50

Honorable Mention

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25

**Honors noted in the Commencement Program are based on the cumulative GPA at the end of the Senior year fall semester. Honors noted on the diploma are based on the final cumulative GPA.*

TASSEL COLORS

Golden Yellow

Allied Health, Biological
Sciences, Chemistry,
Mathematics & Computer
Science

Drab

Business Information Systems
& Adult and Continuing
Education

Crimson

Communication & Arts

Light Blue
Education

White

Art, English, History &
Political Science

Maroon

Family & Consumer Science &
Dietetics

Silver

General Studies

Sage Green

Health & Physical Education

Pink

Music

Gold

Psychology

Scarlet

Theology

Citron

Social Work



BEFORE COMMENCEMENT

- ✓ **Security Check** - Bags will be checked, please abide by guidelines from [Von Braun Security and Safety](#). All patrons entering the Von Braun Center during an event are subject to screening. Screenings may vary from event-to-event. Screenings range from visual inspection and bag search to screenings by a magnetometer (metal detector) and/or pat-down search conducted by security personnel. The purpose of the inspection is to detect prohibited items.
- ✓ **Wellness Check-in** – In the VBC lobby near East Hall 2 Entrance there will be one or two people running the wellness check (*Graduates will enter in East Hall 3 Entrance*). Temperature checks required using the non-contact face temperature kiosk. Face masks are required.



PROCESSION BEGINS

- **Line Up Order According to Schools** – Banners will be placed in designated areas, so please line up according to your school and the number on your card. Guest graduates will be at the end of the line behind the School of Nursing and Health Professions.
 1. School of Theology
 2. School of Arts & Sciences
 3. School of Education & Social Sciences
 4. School of Business
 5. School of Nursing & Health Professions
- The ceremony begins with the entry of the procession. You should stand as the procession music begins and remain standing until the Grand Marshall or their designated representative declares the congregation 'to be seated'.

RECEIVING YOUR OU DIPLOMA

1. When the presentation of awards begins, the OU sponsors will signal to one row of graduates at a time to file out from their seats. It is important that you remain in the correct order.
2. You will stand by rows, move to the left. **Do not forget your MARCHING CARD.**
3. Hand your card to the person announcing the names.
4. Proceed to the designated "feet" about 6 feet away from Dr. Pollard
5. When your name is called, walk across the stage and shake hands with Dr. Pollard.
6. Exit the stage for professional Graduation Photo with LifeTouch
7. You can remove your mask for the Graduation Photo
8. Place mask back on, go back to your chair, and be seated.

NOTE: Please do not leave the ceremony, until the Benediction and you are signaled to exit.



OU GRADUATION RULES & RESPECT

- All guests shall remain respectful and courteous to their fellow patrons and comply with requests from VBC staff regarding policies, emergency response procedures and behavior which impacts the event experience of fellow patrons. The Von Braun Center values the support of all guests and reserves the right to eject any guest for any reason, including not treating other guests attending the event with dignity and respect.
- Von Braun Civic Center mandates that FACE MASKS must be always worn
- Dress Appropriate (NOTE: The Von Braun Civic Center arena is very cold due to their hockey season. Dress accordingly)
- Your guests may take photographs or film during the ceremony, but only from their seats. Due to health and safety regulations, all aisles and gangways are to be always kept clear.
- Remind your family members that the following are prohibited by the VBC:
 - Any noise making devices (air horns are prohibited -causes pain to some guests)
 - Frisbees and/or beach balls; silly string or confetti
 - Backpacks/briefcases; bags/purses larger than 14" x 14" x 6"
 - Large umbrellas; Professional camera/camera bags; Suitcases
 - Selfie sticks, Laser pointers, GoPro cameras
 - Illegal drugs or alcohol; weapons;
 - Food & Drink purchased outside of the VBC; Coolers
- **Von Braun Center Security AND Lost & Found:** Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.; 700 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama 35801; phone: 256.603.2811; fax: 256.551.2203; housesecurity@vonbrauncenter.com

OU RECESSIONAL

- The Grand Marshal will stand and pick up the mace
- The platform party will leave first
- The faculty will follow immediately behind the platform party
- The graduates will follow faculty
- Do not stop or try to turn around to go back inside. It is recommended that you go directly to meet your family at one of your vehicles in order to encourage proper distancing.



AFTER GRADUATION INFORMATION

When requesting transcripts, if the entity requires a degree conferred transcript, be sure to check the "hold for degree conferral" option to ensure that your transcript is sent after your degree has been conferred.

Students must have a "\$0" balance with Students Accounts for transcript release and diploma release approval and all pending scholarship funds must be posted to the student account.

If you do not receive a passing grade for all degree required courses, your degree will not be conferred for May 8th which includes Incompletes and Deferred grades.

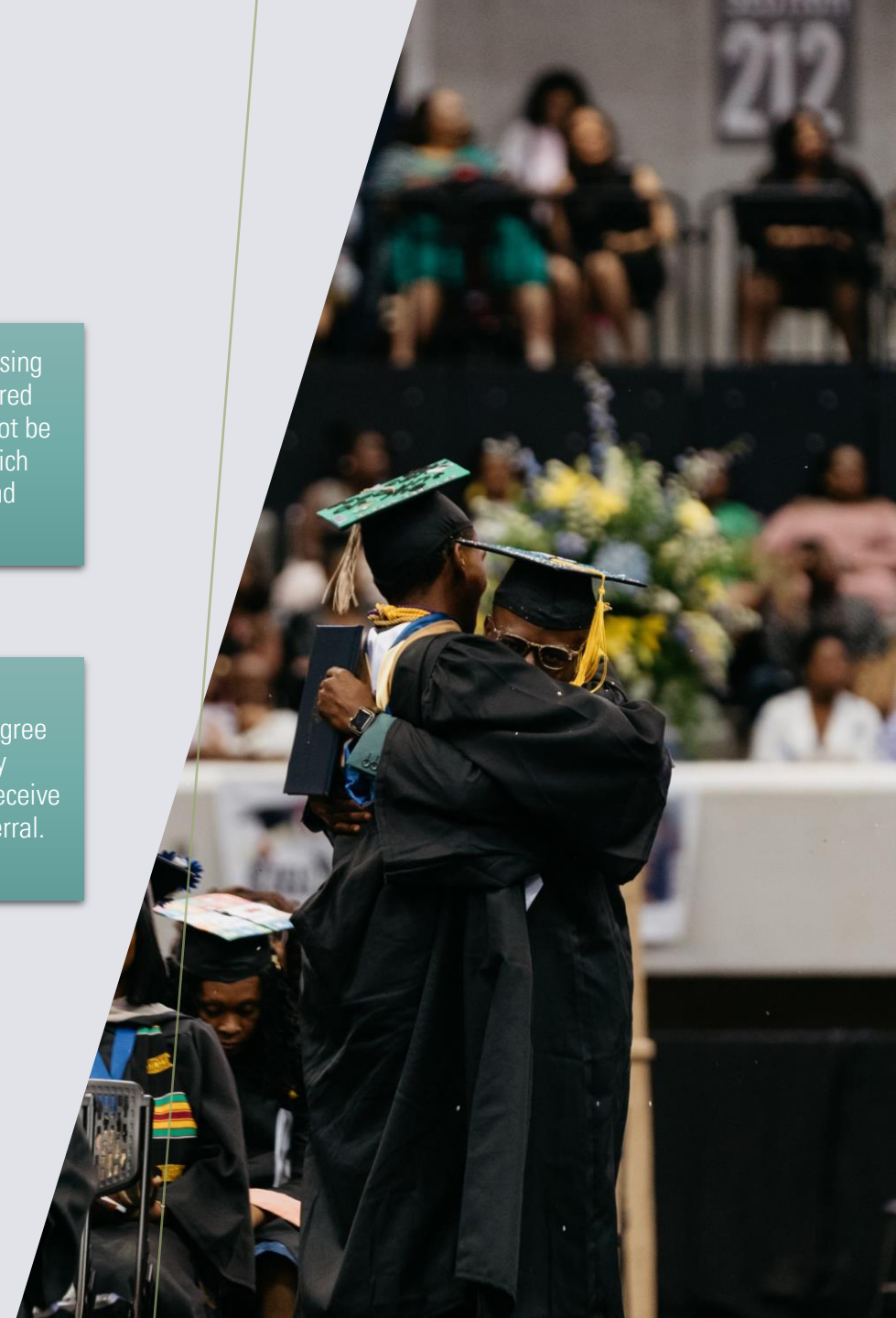
Students must successfully pass the Exit Exam prior to graduation to be eligible for a May 8th degree conferral.

Students must successfully pass all field and internship requirements prior to graduation to be eligible for May 8th degree conferral.

Students who complete degree requirements from May 9th through August 1st will receive an August 1st degree conferral.

Students who complete degree requirements from August 2nd through December 31st will receive a December 31st degree conferral.

Students must submit any updated address information on a Change of Address form by June 1st in order to ensure that the diploma is mailed to the correct mailing address.





Remember - don't be late!
You will not be able to
participate in the graduation
ceremony if you arrive late
to the Von Braun Civic
Center.