

# ***2023 Meadows Degree Recognition Ceremony at McFarlin Memorial Auditorium***

## **Information for Graduates and Families**

The deadline for reserving your ceremony regalia (cap and gown) online was April 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET.

The SMU Barnes and Noble Bookstore will have additional rental cap and gown items beginning in early May. Regalia is a rental and not a purchase.

*Tickets are not required for the following events:*

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

**Reception honoring Meadows School of the Arts 2023 graduates and their families, hosted by Dean Holland**

**Gene and Jerry Jones Grand Atrium and Plaza**

Owen Arts Center

6101 Bishop Boulevard

Dallas, TX 75205

Meadows School of the Arts, SMU

During the reception, step inside the Meadows Foundation Gallery adjacent to the Jones Grand Atrium. Here you will find one of many great locations throughout the arts center for those cherished graduation day family snaps.

To participate in the Meadows Degree Recognition Ceremony Saturday evening, you must have a credentials card which lists your name and academic credentials. **Check-in for the ceremony and retrieve this card between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.** at the reception.

*Although we encourage you to pick up your credentials card during the reception, your card will be available in the lower lobby of McFarlin Auditorium between 5:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.*

CHECK YOUR NAME AND ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS; if there are mistakes, report them to Chuck Donaldson or Janet Stephens who will be near the check-in tables.

**Changes to your credentials card *not made by Meadows Academic Services staff* can be cause for delay of the ceremony and judicial action.**

Your seat assignment in McFarlin Memorial Auditorium will be listed at the bottom of your credentials card. On the back of the card, fill in the requested information for Flash Photography, the official ceremony photographer.

**Retain your credentials card!** It must be in your possession at all times until you hand it to the reader as you cross the stage during the ceremony to receive your diploma cover. **There will be no replacement cards available.**

### **5:45 p.m.**

**Graduates report to McFarlin Memorial Auditorium. Enter through the southeast corner door at street level. Signs will be at this entrance to direct you.**

**Please be in or near your assigned seat by 6:15 p.m. Faculty Marshals will assist you with locating your assigned seat.**

### **6:00 p.m.**

**Doors open for family and guest seating.**

### **6:30 p.m.**

## **Meadows School of the Arts Degree Recognition Ceremony**

McFarlin Memorial Auditorium

6405 Boaz Lane

Dallas, TX 75205

**The ceremony will also be live-streamed at**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/2nWTt8yYFs?app=desktop&feature=share>

### **Ceremony begins with Faculty and Platform Party Processional.**

During the presentation of graduates, your chair/director will present you to the dean as a group and ask you to come forward to receive your diploma cover. Faculty Marshals will be in the seating area with you to assist your procession to the stage. *Please follow their direction.*

Your Student Marshal will lead your group to the stage and will be first to receive their diploma cover. As the graduate in front of you is receiving their cover and shaking hands with Dean Holland, hand your card to the reader and **immediately start walking** toward Dean Holland while your credentials card is being read.

A professional will photograph you as you receive your diploma cover from Dean Holland. Color proofs and ordering information will be mailed to the address you provide on the back of your credentials card.

Continue across the stage to be congratulated by your chair/director and by Gretchen Elizabeth Smith, Associate Dean for Students. As you exit stage left, you will be directed to a room on your left where another photograph will be taken. You will then exit and proceed down the steps, around the corner back into the auditorium to your seat. There will be Meadows staff members along this route to direct you.

After the last diploma cover is presented, there will be short closing remarks and the dean will end the ceremony.

**There is no formal recessional. We ask that graduates and families/guests do not stop in the lobby when exiting the auditorium.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **Accessibility Information**

Owen Arts Center is accessible from Bishop Blvd to Jones Grand Atrium and Plaza on the east, from Harris Promenade to Rogers Center for Visual Arts on the north and from Hillcrest Ave and Sexton Family Courtyard on the west.

McFarlin Memorial Auditorium is accessible from a ramp entrance at the southeast corner of the building marked with signage for wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, or carts. This ramp leads to the lower lobby, with access to any level of the Auditorium via the elevator. The Auditorium has disabled sections at the back of sections B and D on the orchestra level.