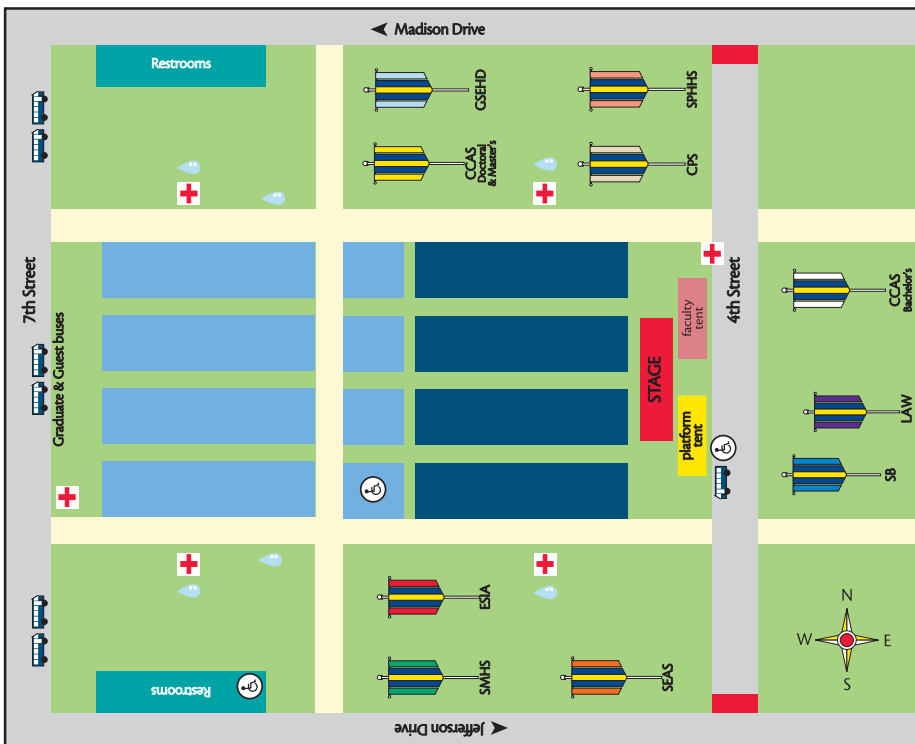
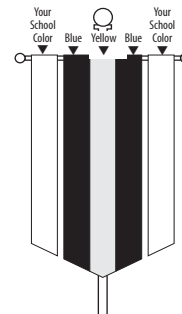


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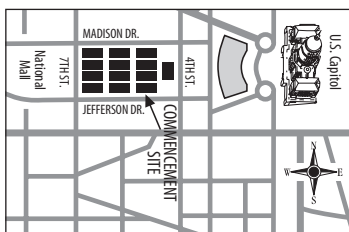


- Graduate Seating
- Guest Seating
- Wheelchair Accessible
- First Aid Station
- Water Station
- Street Closure



School Abbreviations and Banner Colors

- CCAS **WHITE** Bachelor's Degree Students
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
- CCAS **GOLD** Doctoral and Master's Degree Students
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
- GSEHD **LIGHT BLUE** Graduate School of Education and Human Development
- SEAS **ORANGE** School of Engineering and Applied Science
- SMHS **GREEN** School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- SB **ROYAL BLUE** School of Business
- ESIA **RED** Elliott School of International Affairs
- SPHHS **SALMON** School of Public Health and Health Services
- LAW **PURPLE** Law School
- CPS **TAUPE** College of Professional Studies



Graduate Line-ups and Seating

Look for the banner with the color configuration corresponding to your school at the side of the seating area when you arrive at the National Mall by 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 17. Your school will assemble and march to its seating area.

Each school will have its own banner. All banners will have one yellow and two dark blue center stripes, with your school's colors on the outside.

Guest Seating

Guest seating is available to ticket holders on a general admission basis. Wheelchair accessible seating is reserved for anyone with severe mobility problems and anyone in a wheelchair. **One** guest from his or her party may join him or her in this section. Ushers will be available to assist with seating. **All guests should be seated by 9:30 a.m. At this time, the aisles need to be clear to allow graduates to process in a safe, orderly, and timely manner.**

Shelter in Place

If an unexpected situation develops, the National Park Service may direct participants and guests to "shelter in place." The United States Park Police and GW ushers will direct attendees to nearby Smithsonian museums. The ceremony may resume if conditions improve.

Local Television Broadcast

The ceremony also will be broadcast on ABC 7, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Walking Directions for Metro Stations Closest to the National Mall

Archives/ Navy Memorial Metro Station Depart station (there is only one exit) and turn left. Walk half a block to Pennsylvania Avenue and 7th Street. Turn right onto 7th Street and walk two blocks to the intersection of 7th Street and Madison Drive. Enter Commencement seating area.

Federal Center SW Metro Station Depart station (there is only one exit) and turn left. Walk a block and a half to Independence Avenue. Turn left onto Independence Avenue and walk a block to 4th Street. Turn left on 4th Street. Enter Commencement seating area.

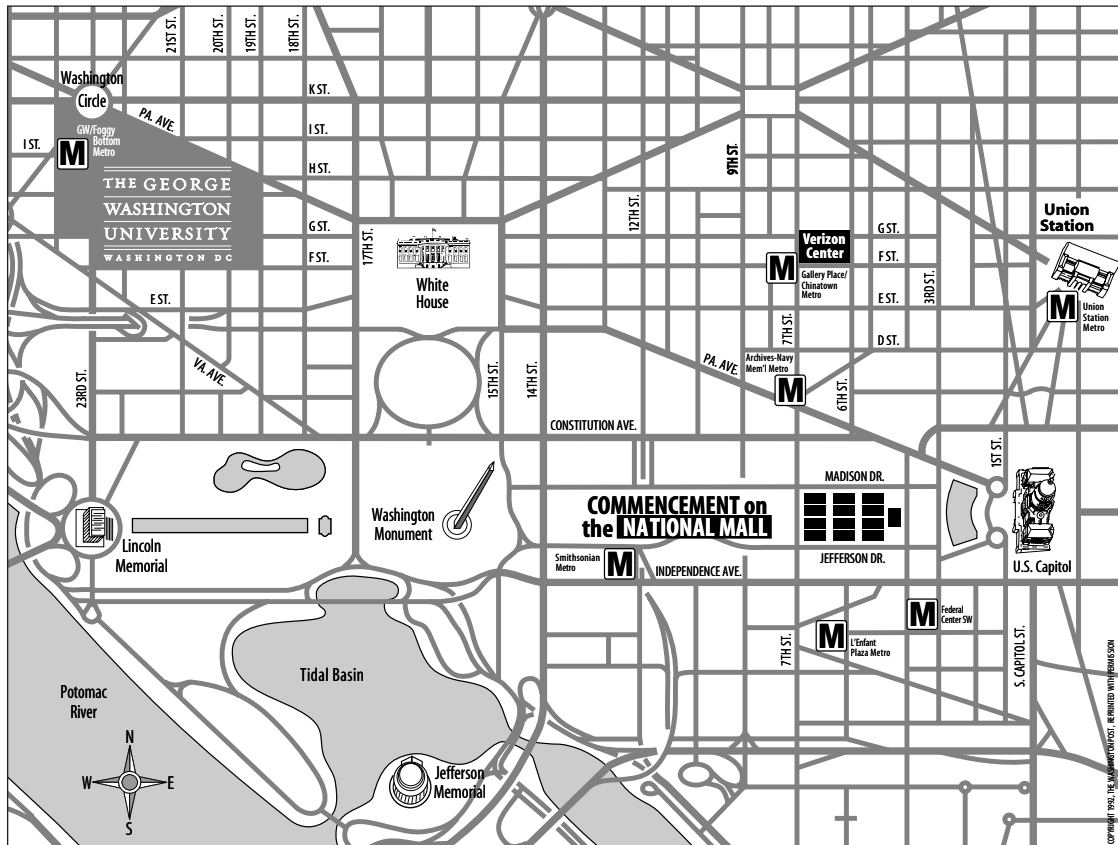
L'Enfant Plaza Metro Station Depart station through the exit labeled 7th and Maryland Avenue. At street level turn left and walk towards 7th Street. Turn right and walk two blocks to 7th and Jefferson Drive. Enter Commencement seating area.

Smithsonian Metro Station Depart station through the exit labeled Smithsonian National Mall. Walk straight ahead along the path towards the Capitol building (distance to seating is equivalent to six city blocks). Enter Commencement seating area.

ALTERNATE SITE INFORMATION FOR MAY 17, 2009

**Verizon Center Alternate Site Plan Information for Commencement Participants and Guests!
IF IMPLEMENTED, 11 a.m. ceremony. Doors open at 9 a.m.**

**The ceremony also will be broadcast on local television.
Watch Commencement on ABC 7, from 11 a.m. –1 p.m.**



Commencement will be held on the National Mall rain or shine. Please dress accordingly and remember that we will be outside where the ground may be damp and uneven. Umbrellas may be useful as protection from the sun as well as the rain!

The National Mall is a public space under the jurisdiction of the United States Park Service. We are grateful for the use of the National Mall, and degree candidates and guests are reminded that use of the space is not under the exclusive control of the University.

The University has a comprehensive Alternate Site Plan in place for Commencement should **extraordinary circumstances** dictate changes.

- Current information on the status of Commencement Weekend events will be available on a 24-hour basis from Monday, May 11, through Sunday, May 17, at **(202) 994-5050**. This recorded information will be updated immediately in the event of changes to the weekend schedule and/or Sunday ceremony. In addition, should it be necessary to move from the National Mall to the alternate site or make any last-minute changes to the ceremony, public service announcements regarding start time and other details will be carried by WTOP radio at 103.5 FM. Information updates also will be available at www.campusadvisories.gwu.edu and at **(202) 994-5050**.
- **The alternate site for the Sunday Commencement is the Verizon Center**, located at 601 F Street, NW (at the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro Station). **The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.** Doors will open at 9 a.m. All graduates, faculty, staff, and platform party participants should proceed to the Verizon Center as directed.
- Graduates each received six tickets. Four of the six tickets are valid for the alternate site. These tickets are buff (light yellow in color) and have alternate site information printed on the back. Guests with gray tickets, not valid for the alternate site, will be able to watch Commencement on ABC 7, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. including televisions in the Cloyd Heck Marvin Center (800 21st Street, NW).
- **Guests with buff tickets should proceed to the Verizon Center.**
- Guests have several options if the Alternate Site Plan is implemented:
 - Shuttle bus service from the Foggy Bottom Campus or the National Mall to the Verizon Center.
 - Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Station.
 - Cab directly to the Verizon Center.
 - View on ABC 7, 11 a.m. –1 p.m.

Please call 202-994-5050 for the most up-to-date information!