

Friday, May 10, 2019

Phi Beta Kappa Initiation & Baccalaureate

- 10:30 a.m. Phi Beta Kappa Initiates assemble at 10:45 am, University Hall 1st Floor
11:00 a.m. **Phi Beta Kappa Initiation**, University Hall, Gray Chapel
12:00 noon Phi Beta Kappa Luncheon, Benes Room, Hamilton-Williams Campus Center (Invitation Only)
07:00 p.m. **Baccalaureate Celebration**, University Hall, Gray Chapel

Saturday, May 11, 2019

**Commencement Ceremonies will be held in the Gordon Field House of the Branch Rickey Physical Education Center –
ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY (6 per Candidate for Graduation)**

Friends and family members without a ticket may watch the proceedings in the atrium of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center and the Benes rooms via a live webcast of the event.

- 9 – 11:00 a.m. Breakfast Reception for Candidates and Guests** in HWCC Benes Rooms
11:00 a.m. Legacy Photos will be taken by OWU Magazine in Gray Chapel (Wear your cap and gown.)
*Candidates whose parents and/or grandparents attended OWU should have photos taken.
12:00 p.m. Graduates CHECK-IN at tables located the Basketball Arena and receive processional order card.
12:15 p.m. Graduates LINE UP in the **Basketball Arena** of the Branch Rickey Physical Education Center
ORDER OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES – Check-in to get your # in line:
a. B.F.A. Candidates b. B.M. Candidates c. B.S. Candidates d. B.A. Candidates

1:00 p.m. THE PROCESSION

- At the proper time, the marshals will lead the faculty from the arena into the Field House. The faculty will open ranks for review of the graduates as directed by the faculty marshals.
- The platform marshals will lead the platform party to the front of the faculty lines.
- At the proper time signaled by the head marshal, **the student marshals will lead the candidates into the arena.** Rows of seats on the **field house floor** are to be filled by degree candidates in numeric order as directed by the student marshals.
- Following the senior review, the faculty marshals will lead their groups to their seats.
- When the faculty has moved by, the platform marshals will lead their party to the platform.
- The faculty will also be seated on the field house floor behind the students.

2:00 p.m. CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

- When instructed by the Registrar, all candidates for a degree (BFA, BM, & BS) will rise and remain standing until the degree has been conferred by the President.
- Then the first row will move to the right and forward in order as directed by the student marshals.
- Candidates should wait at the edge of the platform until their name is called, then advance to the President.
- After receiving the diploma and handshake, the graduates should continue across the platform, shifting the tassel from right to left, and return to the row, standing until all the row is in place.
- **For Bachelor of Arts (BA) Candidates:** all rows except the first will be seated after the statement of conferral by the President. The first row will move to the right and forward and, as the last person reaches the aisle, the second row will rise and follow with the other rows following in continuous column at the direction of the student marshals.

3:00 p.m. RECESSIONAL

- Graduates will recess by row after the platform party and the faculty.

Important Notes:

- Use restrooms in Branch Rickey during the ceremony
- Water stations and hand sanitizing stations located around perimeter of ceremony. You will not be able to stop for water during the processional.
- First Aid is located near the Commencement ceremony seating area.