

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *(Continued from previous page)*

### WILL THERE BE PHOTOGRAPHERS AT COMMENCEMENT?

GradImages will photograph all graduates at each commencement ceremony. Professional photographers will take three different pictures of each graduate.

Order information and proofs will be sent to your NKU email account by the photographer three to five days after the ceremony. For more information or to order prints, please call **(800) 261-2576** or email [giservice@gradimages.net](mailto:giservice@gradimages.net).

GradImages is offering 20% off graduation photo orders of \$50 or more when graduates register their email address prior to graduation. Visit the GradImages website ([gradimages.com/northernkentuckyuniversity](http://gradimages.com/northernkentuckyuniversity)) and click on registration to take advantage of this offer.

### WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY DIPLOMA?

Diplomas will be mailed approximately six to eight weeks following graduation each semester (fall, spring, summer). To ensure that you receive your diploma in a timely manner, you are encouraged to go online and check your address through your **myNKU** account. If changes need to be made or you have a question about your diploma, please contact the Office of the Registrar at **(859) 572-5556** or [registrar@nku.edu](mailto:registrar@nku.edu).

Your diploma cannot be released until all obligations to the university have been paid or completed. This includes, but is not limited to, money due to Student Account Services and unreturned library materials.

## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS

**GRADES, ELIGIBILITY, DIPLOMA, TRANSCRIPTS ETC.:** [registrar@nku.edu](mailto:registrar@nku.edu) or (859) 572-5556

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:** [nku.edu/commencement](http://nku.edu/commencement) or [specialevents@nku.edu](mailto:specialevents@nku.edu)

**ACADEMIC APPAREL:** [herff.ly/nku](http://herff.ly/nku) or NKU Bookstore (859) 572-5142



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# COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024:  
TRUIST ARENA**

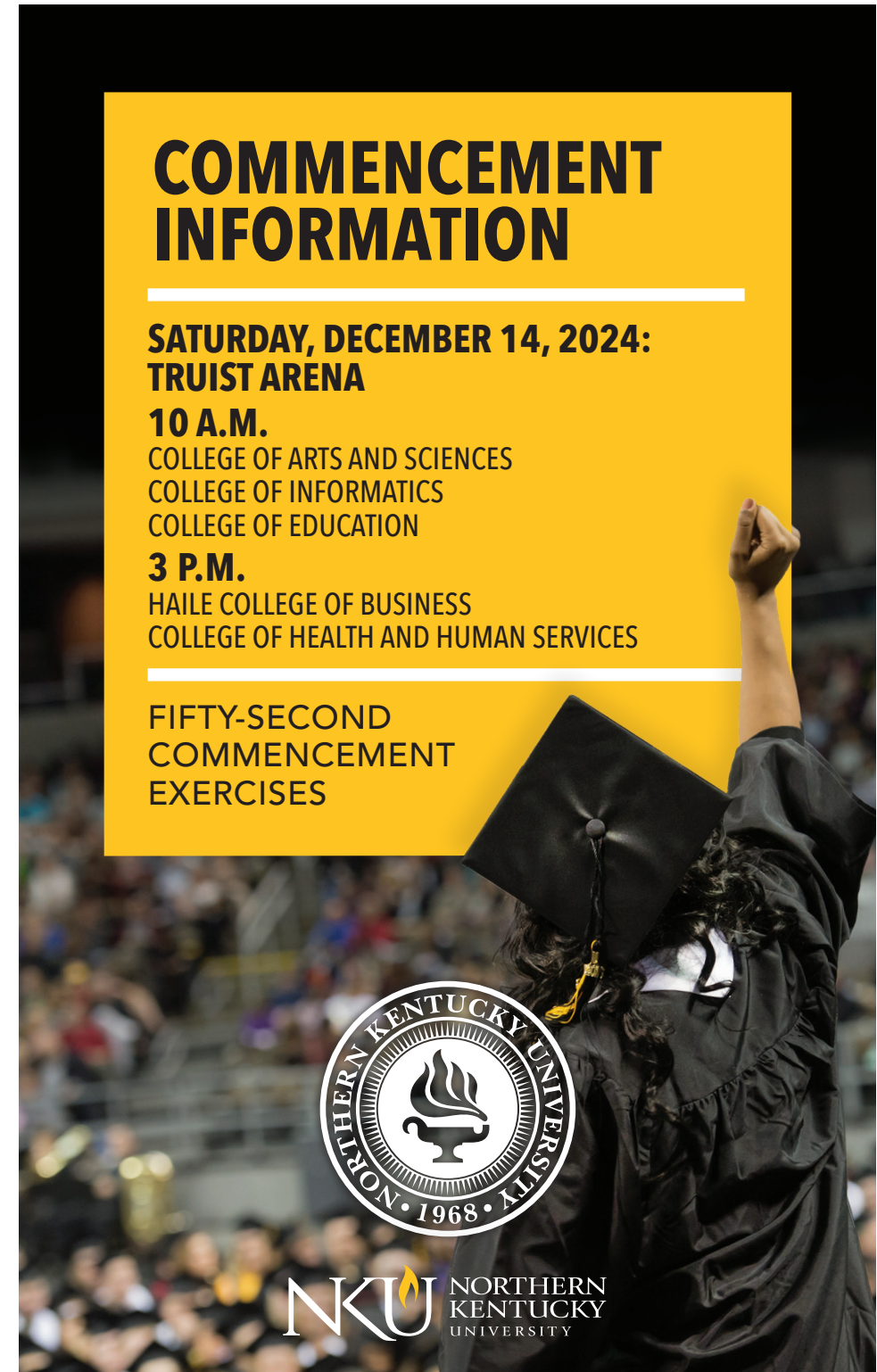
**10 A.M.**

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**3 P.M.**

HAILE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**FIFTY-SECOND  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES**



## ACADEMIC APPAREL

Graduates can purchase undergraduate/master's regalia in person at the NKU Bookstore in the University Center until Saturday, December 14 and online at [herff.ly/nku](https://herff.ly/nku) until Friday, November 8.

The NKU Bookstore will not accept returns after Saturday, December 14 (regalia must also be in the original packaging to be returned).

### APPAREL FOR ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR DEGREES

The required apparel for associate and bachelor degree candidates is a black gown, black cap and black/gold tassel. The optional NKU stole of gratitude is also available for an additional cost.

### APPAREL FOR MASTER DEGREES

The required apparel for master's degree candidates is a black master's gown, black cap, and a tassel and a hood in the color that corresponds to the field of study (visit [nku.edu/commencement](https://nku.edu/commencement) for the full list of colors and programs). The optional NKU stole of gratitude is also available for an additional cost.

### APPAREL FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Graduates who are earning both a certificate(s) and an undergraduate or graduate degree should wear the regalia for their degree as described above. Students earning an undergraduate certificate only should wear regular undergraduate regalia: black gown, black cap and black/gold tassel. Students earning a graduate certificate only should wear their regalia from their highest earned degree.

### APPAREL FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctoral regalia must be specially ordered in advance. Doctoral candidates should have received notification from their program director with order and pricing information.

### UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS CORDS

Undergraduate students who qualify for University Honors will receive an honors cord to wear with their apparel. Honors cords can be picked up at your commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 14, or from your dean's office up through December 13. Please note that master and doctoral degree candidates are not eligible for University Honors cords.

### CUMULATIVE GPA FOR UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

**Summa cum laude = 3.90-4.00**

**Magna cum laude = 3.75-3.8999**

**Cum laude = 3.50-3.7499**

### ORGANIZATIONAL HONOR CORDS AND STOLES

Please contact the head of your organization, department or club to inquire if stoles or cords will be offered.

For questions on academic apparel, please visit [nku.edu/commencement](https://nku.edu/commencement).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLASS RINGS AND GRADUATION GIFTS

Personalized graduation announcements and class rings may be ordered from Herff Jones, our preferred vendor, at [herff.ly/nku](https://herff.ly/nku).

The NKU Bookstore will have a satellite booth at the Truist Arena at each commencement ceremony with a selection of graduation gifts available for purchase.

Additional NKU gifts and products can be found at [nku.edu/shopnku](https://nku.edu/shopnku).

## GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

All August and December graduates who have officially applied for December 2024 graduation through the Office of the Registrar will be eligible to participate in the ceremony on Saturday, December 14.

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SCHEDULE

NKU will host two ceremonies honoring the December Class of 2024 in Truist Arena.

All graduate, undergraduate and online students from each college will attend the same ceremony in person.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14:

#### College of Arts and Sciences

#### College of Informatics

#### College of Education

**9 a.m.:** Doors open for graduate and guest check in (no entry before 9 a.m.)

**10 a.m.:** Ceremony begins

**12 - 12:30 p.m.:** Ceremony concludes

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14:

#### Haile College of Business

#### College of Health and Human Services

**2 p.m.:** Doors open for graduate and guest check in (no entry before 2 p.m.)

**3 p.m.:** Ceremony begins

**5 - 5:30 p.m.:** Ceremony concludes

- Parking is free of charge in all surface lots and parking garages on campus on Saturday, December 14.
- Parking is recommended at the Welcome Center Garage.
- Doors will open one hour prior to the start of each ceremony.
- Upon arrival, graduates will be directed to the vault entrance for check in.
- Accessibility accommodations for graduates will be made in the graduate assembly area or by calling (859) 572-1378 before Saturday, December 14.
- Please check [nku.edu/commencement](https://nku.edu/commencement) for up-to-date ceremony information as it becomes available.

## HOW TO WATCH ONLINE

Guests may watch the ceremony live stream on Saturday, December 14 at [nku.edu/commencement](https://nku.edu/commencement). The video will be available for on-demand viewing after commencement on **NKU's YouTube channel**.

## MAKE YOUR CLASS GIFT!

The Class Gift is a special opportunity to make an impact at NKU before you graduate. Make a gift of \$20.24 to the area of campus that means the most to you and receive a commemorative "NKU Philanthropist" stole to wear at graduation. Learn more at [nku.edu/classgift](https://nku.edu/classgift).

## GUEST INFORMATION

**Tickets are not required for guests or graduates, and there is no limit on the number of guests who may attend.** Guest seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Doors to the arena will open to graduates and guests one hour prior to the start of the ceremony. There will not be early admittance, so please plan arrival accordingly.

Guests should enter Truist Arena through the main entrance off the circle drive at the end of the pedestrian bridge coming from the Welcome Center Garage. To aid with accessibility, guests and graduates may be dropped off in front of Truist Arena if needed in the circle drive off Nunn Drive. Once inside the arena, you will be directed to the elevator for access to the second floor concourse level.

Parking is free and open in all lots and garages on campus on Saturday, December 14. Handicap parking is available on all levels of the Welcome Center Garage located across the street from the arena.

In the arena, accessible seating is available in the last row of certain sections on the concourse level for any guests who should avoid stairs. Guests can visit the Guest Services booth or ask a Truist Arena usher for assistance in finding a seat that meets their mobility needs.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Additional FAQ and information can be found at [nku.edu/commencement](https://nku.edu/commencement).

### DO I HAVE TO RSVP TO ATTEND MY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?

Eligible graduates do not need to submit a special RSVP to participate (or not participate) in the December commencement ceremonies. Completing your graduation application with the Registrar is the most important step for graduation. If you aren't sure whether you have submitted the application, please contact the Office of the Registrar at [registrar@nku.edu](mailto:registrar@nku.edu).

### I AM GRADUATING WITH TWO DEGREES. WHICH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN?

Graduates earning more than one degree may simply choose which ceremony they'd like to attend. Your diploma and transcript will reflect all of the degrees that you have earned at NKU.

