SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

We expect the Commencement ceremonies to be held outdoors, rain or shine, in Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

We recommend guests prepare for varying weather conditions and bring such items as sunglasses, hats, sunscreen, rain gear, stadium cushions and comfortable shoes.

If severe weather is likely, including thunderstorms with lightning, high winds and heavy or prolonged rain, Commencement may be moved indoors. This will be determined by 6:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. To alert you to the change, we will make announcements via campus email notification and the Commencement webpage. Signs will be posted at the entrances to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. In addition, University switchboard operators will be providing information at 570-577-2000.

If moved indoors: Should severe weather conditions imperil the outdoor ceremony, Commencement will be held as following due to state restrictions and capacity requirements for large, indoor gatherings:

- Students and stage party will be seated in Gerhard Fieldhouse
- Guests will be seated in Sojka Pavilion (tickets will still be required for entry)

If the event must be moved indoors, the ceremony will be livestreamed into Sojka Pavilion for guest viewing. Ushers will be on duty to answer questions and to direct you to guest seating.

Graduates will be arranged in the SAME ORDER whether the ceremony is held inside or outside. A detailed seating chart will be distributed to each graduate before Commencement. University officials and assistants will be stationed in the area reserved for graduate seating and will seat graduates in the order in which they will receive degrees.

Changes later in the day: Weather will be monitored throughout the day. If threatening weather appears after a decision has been made to remain outdoors and two hours prior to the start of a ceremony, ceremonies will be adjusted accordingly. The Commencement website will provide up-to-date information regarding the status of ceremony times and locations.