

# GETTING PREPARED FOR COMMENCEMENT

#### **Commencement Ceremony**

New World School of the Arts will host its college commencement ceremony on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022; 2 pm:** 

New World Center 500 17th Street Miami, FL 33139

#### **Student and Guest Registration**

Please click here to confirm how many will attend (including you and your invited guest(s) the ceremony.

Tickets will not be required for entrance to commencement. Please note that up to 6 guests will be allowed per graduate.

Guests and graduates will be seated in separate areas. To ensure space for all in attendance, seats are not to be reserved for late guests and graduates.

### COVID-19 Policy

New World Center recently updated its COVID-19 protocols. Masks are no longer required. You and your guests are also not required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test. However, masks are still recommended as an added layer of precaution. These policies are subject to change.

# Caps, Gowns and Name Cards

To retrieve your cap and gown, present your picture ID in Room 5605 during the dates and times below:

- Monday, April 11, 2022: 9 am 11 am and 1pm 4 pm
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022: 11 am 4 pm
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022: 9 am 4 pm
- Thursday, April 14, 2022: 9 am 4 pm

There is no fee for the cap and gown. The cap and gown are yours to keep. However, if you wish to donate it back to New World School of the Arts, you may bring it to Room 5605 at a later date.

Your name card will accompany your cap and gown. It will be used to announce your name as you cross the stage. You are responsible for writing a phonetic pronunciation of your name so that the announcer can be as accurate as possible when announcing your name.

### Honor Regalia

Gold honor cords will be available for pick up in Room 5605.

You must provide a picture ID to retrieve the items.

Honor students will receive the following regalia free of charge:

- 3.40 3.74 GPA, One (1) Gold Honor Tassel
- 3.75 4.00 GPA, Two (2) Gold Honor Tassels
- While supplies last, any honor students may purchase one (1) UF blue & orange cord for \$15 USD.

Student Services will follow-up with honor students with a secure link and/or cash app for payment of the cords.



## DAY OF CEREMONY

Directions and Parking – Free parking is not available; please follow the suggestions below: 17th Street Garage (Fee: \$2 per hour) City of Miami Beach Owned-and-Operated Garage 1755 Meridian Ave Miami Beach, FL 33139 (located on 17th between Meridian and Pennsylvania)

Upon entering the garage, take a ticket from the automated attendant. Please take your ticket with you upon exiting your vehicle. Upon returning to the garage, use an automated kiosk to pay for parking, and use validated ticket to exit garage at automated exits. For assistance, a garage office is located at the first-floor level close to the 17th street exit. Neither New World Center nor New World School of the Arts are able to validate parking for a lower rate.

For event days: Though the garage may appear closed, with cones in front of the entrance, be sure to show the guard your tickets or, if your tickets are at will-call, tell them that you are attending an event at the New World Center and they should allow you to park in the garage. These spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis and access will be granted as long as there are parking spaces left within the garage.

Pennsylvania Avenue Garage (Fee: \$15 Event Parking) City of Miami Beach Owned-and-Operated Garage 1661 Pennsylvania Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33139 (Located between Pennsylvania Avenue and New World Center.) Entrance to garage is located on Lincoln Lane, off Pennsylvania Ave.

Upon entering the garage, take a ticket from the automated attendant. Please take your ticket with you upon exiting your vehicle. Upon returning to the garage, use an automated kiosk to pay for parking, and use validated ticket to exit garage at automated exits. For your convenience, a pedestrian bridge to the New World Center is located on the third level. A garage office is located on the first-floor level for assistance. Neither New World Center nor New World School of the Arts are able to validate parking for a lower rate. PLEASE NOTE: The City of Miami Beach owns and operates the parking facilities adjacent to the New World Center.

#### Schedule

12 pm. STUDENT ARRIVAL: Students arrive to New World Center to begin robing, settling in and preparing to lineup for theater entry. Please bring just your essentials such as a small bag, your cap & gown, honor regalia and name card.

I pm. LOBBY OPENS: Guests may arrive at Ipm.

2 pm. COMMENCEMENT BEGINS: Students will be seated by division. Each guest and graduate will be provided with a program booklet for the ceremony. Pursues, handbags, or other photographic equipment should not be carried on stage and therefore large items should be left at your seat or with your guests.

#### **Photography**

Professional photographers will photograph all graduates. Roughly I – 2 days after commencement, you may visit **bit.ly/NWSA2022GradPics** (case-sensitive) to access photos from the ceremony.

#### Social Media

Share your stories, memories and photos of graduation on social media using #nwsaclassof2022 at the graduation and banquet.

### Accessibility

New World Center is fully ADA compliant. If you need additional accommodations in order to participate in the ceremony, please contact the Director of Student Services by Friday, April 8, 2022 at **natkins@mdc.edu**. We will do our best to make accommodations, if needed.





## BANQUET

New World School of the Arts 2022 college graduates will be treated to a prix-fixe meal following the commencement ceremony on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022; 6 pm:** 

The Rusty Pelican 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway Key Biscayne, FL 33149

Please visit **SquadUp** to confirm your attendance at the banquet. Graduates will be allowed a maximum of three (3) guests free of charge.

If you would like to purchase an additional ticket, you may visit **SquadUp** to purchase each ticket for \$50.