



May 2023 Commencement Information

Graduate Tickets

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center (RGPAC) is the venue for the 152nd Commencement of Alderson Broaddus University to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The RGPAC, originally built in 1913 and recently remodeled and renovated, provides an excellent setting for this exceptional occasion. Please read the following information carefully, directing any questions to the Office of the Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at (304) 457-6201.

How many tickets do I get?

Five (5) tickets will be provided to each graduate who RESERVES their place in the Commencement Ceremony. Graduates who plan to participate in Commencement **MUST pick up their tickets at the Graduate Fair on April 19, 2023 in the Campus Center**. All Graduates will be provided with **five (5) tickets**, allowing them to have a **maximum of five (5) guests** accompany them to the ceremony.

Important Notes:

- **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE ROBINSON GRAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.**
- **NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A TICKET.**
- Seats are unassigned and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Doors will open 1 hour before the Commencement Ceremony.
- Tickets are not for sale; students found to be selling tickets will be subject to disciplinary action by the University.
- Tickets **MUST** be picked up by Graduates on April 19, 2023 at the Graduate Fair to be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Campus Center.
- Any extra tickets remaining after the Graduate Fair will be made available to graduates on a first come, first served basis. Additional information concerning how to acquire extra tickets will be provided via email after April 19th. If you are unable to make it to the Grad Fair, you must contact the Provost office **BEFORE** April 19th to make other arrangements.

Why are tickets required?

The ticketing requirement is being implemented due to the seating capacity of the venue. In order to guarantee that our graduates have an equal opportunity for seating their guests, the tickets have become a necessity to safeguard our event and all those in attendance.

Do I need a ticket for myself? What time should I arrive?

No. Tickets are required only for guests. Graduates will be admitted to the RGPAC by showing their academic regalia. Graduates and their guests will be admitted to the RGPAC one hour before the Commencement Ceremony.

I have a family member or guest who needs handicapped or accessible seating. Are there accessible seats?

Yes, the RGPAC has accessible seating available on a first come, first served basis as well as seating that is specifically for guests who need to remain confined to a wheelchair or scooter. Due to limited spacing, we cannot guarantee that guests using handicapped accessible seating will be able to be seated near the rest of their party.

Do infants or children count in my allocated maximum number of guests?

Children under age 3 who will be sitting in a lap during the entire ceremony are not considered as part of the maximum of five (5) guests. If the child needs a seat of their own, they will be considered as one of the five (5) guests. Please note that due to fire regulations, strollers cannot be in the aisles during the ceremony; please secure these items in your vehicle before entering the RGPAC.

Will my family and guests be able to be seated together?

Seating is not assigned, and is available on a first come, first served basis. The only exception might include those who require handicapped or accessible seating.

Can my friends on campus come to the ceremony?

You are allowed a maximum of five (5) guests, and the decision as to whom to invite is yours. Anyone you choose can be your guest(s) as long as it does not exceed the maximum number of five (5) allowable guests.

What if I lose my tickets or I forget to pick up my tickets from the Graduate Fair or the Office of the Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs?

Only guests who have their tickets in hand will be admitted to the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center.

Will masks and/or facial coverings be required during the Commencement Ceremony?

No. Currently there is no requirement for masks or facial coverings at the RGPAC. Any changes to the COVID-19 protocols will be posted on the AB Commencement Website at <https://ab.edu/graduation/>.

What if I have additional questions?

Please direct your questions to the Office of the Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at (304) 457-6201.