

Northwestern Commencement and SPS Convocation

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2019 School of Professional Studies [Convocation Ceremony](#) and the 161st Northwestern University [Commencement Ceremony](#), both taking place on June 21, 2019. On behalf of SPS, we wish to congratulate you on reaching this outstanding academic milestone. We look forward to celebrating the academic achievements of our graduates this June, and hope that you will attend so that we can celebrate together.

This email contains the important information you need for the event. A PDF version of this information is also available on the SPS Convocation website. Please carefully read the information in this message for details regarding ceremonies, regalia, important dates, and more.

If you have any questions, let us know so that we can help. Your first point of contact with any questions should be spsconvocation@northwestern.edu. Some questions may be directed to the University Commencement team at commencement@northwestern.edu, but SPS will be your first point of contact for anything that need clarifying.

We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments in June.

Sincerely,
SPS Student Services

Eligibility

To participate in Commencement and Convocation, prospective graduates must have completed their degree requirements in either the summer 2018, fall 2018, winter 2019 or spring 2019 quarter. **If you do not meet these requirements or do not plan to attend Commencement or Convocation, please disregard this message.**

Prospective graduates who plan to complete their degree requirements during the summer 2019 term must contact their [Academic Adviser](#) for information regarding June 2019 Convocation participation.

Note: It is important to understand that receipt of this letter does not imply confirmation of your graduation. All graduates must meet appropriate requirements.

Important Dates

If you have not already completed and been awarded your degree in a previous quarter, you must submit the Application for Degree.

Undergraduate students, the [Application for Bachelor's Degree](#) is due to the [SPS Registrar](#) by **April 19** in order to graduate and participate in the June ceremonies.

Graduate students, please submit the [Application for Graduate Degree](#) by **April 12** in order to graduate and participate in the June ceremonies.

Timeline of Events

June 21, 2019

Northwestern Commencement is a university-wide ceremony for all graduating Northwestern students. Students are recognized as a group, by school, at Northwestern Commencement. **SPS Convocation** is a graduation ceremony held by the School of Professional Studies for its graduating students. Students are recognized individually at SPS Convocation. Students may attend both ceremonies.

Northwestern University Commencement Ceremony (9:30 a.m. CT)

Ryan Field (1501 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60208)

- Gates open at 8:00 a.m.
- Procession to start at 9:30 a.m.
- Ceremony to start at 10:00 a.m.

Admission by ticket only (excluding degree candidates). All Commencement information can be found on the [Commencement website](#).

School of Professional Studies Convocation Ceremony (2:00 p.m. CT)

Chicago Symphony Orchestra (220 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL, 60604)

- Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
- Procession line up to start at 1:30 p.m.
- Ceremony to start at 2:00 p.m.

Admission by ticket only (for all guests, excluding degree candidates). All Convocation information can be found on the [Convocation website](#). The convocation ceremony is expected to last approximately two hours.

Cap and Gown Information

Degree candidates who plan to participate in the commencement and convocation ceremonies must order a cap and gown; this regalia must be worn to both ceremonies. Rental arrangements for caps and gowns must be made online **by Friday, May 10, 2019**.

Any orders made after **May 10, 2019** will incur a late fee.

[Order Regalia with Oak Hall](#)

Further information for caps and gowns can be found at the [Commencement website](#).

Many of you will have questions about the delivery of your regalia. When additional information becomes available from Oak Hall, notifications will be sent out and the [SPS Convocation webpage](#) will be updated.

Commencement and Convocation Ticket Information

Northwestern University Commencement Ceremony Tickets

Students will be notified in the spring with information on how to [reserve tickets](#).

Questions regarding **commencement** tickets can be directed to commencement@northwestern.edu.

2019 School of Professional Studies Convocation Ceremony Tickets

Students can now [RSVP](#) and reserve convocation guest tickets using the following [link](#). A maximum of four guest tickets may be reserved. Please note that degree candidates do not need a ticket. The deadline for reserving tickets is **April 26, 2019**.

Please, **no inquiries** regarding extra tickets at this time as this information will be made available in mid-May.

Share Your Story

We would like to hear your story of success and learn of your recent accomplishments for possible inclusion in a speech by the Dean of SPS, Thomas F. Gibbons, at Convocation. Your story could help us to celebrate and share the great accomplishments of our graduates.

Have you achieved a goal during your time here that you are especially proud of? Have you faced significant life challenges while completing your degree? Have you landed a dream job? Please tell us about your triumphs and the challenges you have overcome.

[**Share Your Story with SPS**](#)

Hotel Information

We recommend making reservations early.

Evanston Hotels

If you or your guests are traveling and need a place to stay in Evanston, please follow this [link](#) to the Northshore Visitors Bureau for a list of hotels.

Chicago Hotels

If you or your guests wish to stay in downtown Chicago to be close to the School of Professional Studies Convocation Ceremony, please follow this [link](#) to a list of hotels.

Neither of these lists are suggestions as to where to stay, but are lists of what is available in the proximity of Northwestern University and School of Professional Studies events.

Questions?

Questions regarding Northwestern University Commencement can be directed to commencement@northwestern.edu.

Questions regarding the School of Professional Studies Convocation can be directed to spsconvocation@northwestern.edu.

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