



CEREMONY INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES & GUESTS

Kent State University at Stark
50th Annual Spring Commencement
Saturday, May 13, 2023
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium
1835 Harrison Ave. NW, Canton

CEREMONY LIVESTREAM

A livestream of the ceremony will be available.

» WWW.KENT.EDU/STARK/COMMENCEMENT-LIVESTREAM **LIVE**

TICKETS & SEATING

Tickets are not required for the ceremony. Graduates may invite as many guests as they wish. There is abundant general and accessible seating in the stadium.

ARRIVE AT 9:30 A.M.

Gates open at 9:30 a.m. for graduates and guests. Graduates will be directed to the staging area and guests will be directed to general seating. Graduates should come dressed in their cap and gown. Staff will provide graduates with ceremony instructions.

PARKING PASS & MAP - NEW!

UPDATED 05-10-2023: There has been a last minute request by the Hall of Fame Village. Because there will be several events happening at the Village on Saturday, they will be charging for parking. **Kent State Stark graduates and guests DO NOT have to pay for parking**, but our parking lot has changed. You will now park in the **HONOR LOT**. To make entry into the Village easier, we've provided printed parking passes in the Office of Student Services, 132 Main Hall, that you can pick up now through Friday at 5 p.m., or you can print parking passes for yourself and your guests (next page). If you cannot come to campus or if you are not able to print passes, do not worry! **Parking passes are not required**, just make sure you tell the parking attendant that you are attending Kent State Stark's Commencement ceremony.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT

There is a security checkpoint at the gate. Safety of guests is a top priority of the Hall of Fame Village. The Hall of Fame Village maintains its own policies as well as adopting the NFL Bag Policy to enhance public safety and make venue access more efficient and secure by **limiting the size and style of bags carried into the venue**. Due to this policy, there are several restrictions on what is allowed in the stadium. These restrictions include large purses, bags and umbrellas. **Be sure to review the entry policy.**

» WWW.HOFVILLAGE.COM/P/GETINVOLVED/VENUE/TOM-BENSON-HALL-OF-FAME-STADIUM1 (Scroll to bottom of page)

CEREMONY WEBSITE Check site for updates.
WWW.KENT.EDU/STARK/COMMENCEMENT-CEREMONY

LENGTH OF CEREMONY

The ceremony starts promptly at 11 a.m. and lasts less than 90 minutes. It should conclude before 12:30 p.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The ceremony takes place rain or shine. In the case of heavy rain, there may be a rain delay. Umbrellas are not permitted in the stadium. Rain ponchos are permitted. Seating in the stadium is uncovered.

ATTIRE FOR GRADUATES

Acceptable attire for under your gown is smart casual dress, such as dresses, skirts or dress pants, and footwear appropriate for walking on stadium turf. You may be sitting in the sun during the ceremony so wear sunscreen if needed. Make sure you're dressed comfortably for the weather under your gown. **Leave any valuables you bring to the ceremony with your guests.**

PHOTO WITH THE DEAN

Graduates will have the opportunity to have a photo taken with Dr. Denise Seachrist in the staging area. Links to the photo gallery will be posted on our Commencement Ceremony website the week following the ceremony.

RECEIVING YOUR DIPLOMA

Instead of a traditional graduation stage, graduates will be making their way across the 50-yard line to receive their diploma. You will be lined up by degree and college. Staff will usher you to the field. When your name is called, you will proceed across the field to receive your diploma cover. The cover will include instructions on when you can pick up your diploma at the Kent Campus or when you should expect to receive your diploma in the mail.

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HALL OF FAME VILLAGE

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY STARK COMMENCEMENT



STARK

Saturday, May 13, 2023

2023

PARKING AT THE HALL OF FAME VILLAGE **PARKING LOT CHANGED**

There is ample parking but not directly adjacent to the stadium. Expect a lengthy walk to the entrance gate and in and out of the stadium. The stadium is handicap accessible. Guests requiring accessible parking must have a valid handicapped parking permit. Guests with mobility issues can be dropped off near the gate. Guest parking is available in the **HONOR LOT**.



Enter the Hall of Fame Village from the north. The intersection at 17th St. and Champions Gateway will be closed.

- 1 TOM BENSON HALL OF FAME STADIUM
- 2 FOREVERLAWN SPORTS COMPLEX
- 3 CENTER FOR PERFORMANCE
- 4 CONSTELLATION CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE
- 5 FAN ENGAGEMENT ZONE

- 6 PLAY-ACTION PLAZA
- 7 HILTON TAPESTRY HOTEL
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- 8 WATERPARK
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

- 1 UNITY LOT
- 2 HONOR LOT
- 3 COURAGE LOT
- 4 RESPECT LOT
- 5 INTEGRITY LOT



Champions Gateway was formerly known as Blake Ave. NW.

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