

Dear Graduating Students,

Today marks 100 days until Commencement 2023!

I write today to provide general updates, some time-sensitive, related to the celebrations taking place during Commencement Week. *(Please note that there is still quite a bit of information that will need to be confirmed, including dates and times for additional celebrations and additional information will be shared in the coming weeks).*

Office of Student Affairs Commencement Website

The [Office of Student Affairs Commencement Website](#) is the official website that will host the most up-to-date and accurate information as it relates to Commencement 2023. While information will be shared via email, please be sure to check this website if you have any questions related to HGSE's Commencement celebration.

Regalia

Regalia rental reservations are now open! There is a ***strict deadline of 11:59 p.m. ET on Saturday, April 8th*** to place your order to ensure that your regalia will be available for the ceremony on May 25th. Please visit the [regalia page](#) for complete information about regalia rentals.

Commencement Tickets

The University Morning Exercises and the HGSE Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates are ticketed events. Graduates will each receive 2 tickets to the Morning Exercises and 3 tickets to the HGSE Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates. These tickets are intended to be used by guests - graduates do not need tickets for themselves for either of these events. More information about tickets can be found on the [tickets page](#). For information about each of the events, view the [Celebration Dates and Descriptions](#) page. There are a number of Commencement events that do not require tickets where graduates may invite as many friends and family as they would like to share in the celebration.

Graduation Application

All graduating students will need to apply to graduate through my.harvard. More information about how to complete this process will be shared by the Registrar's Office in mid-March.

Visa Support Letter Requests

HGSE is pleased to be able to provide visa support letters for guests who will be travelling internationally to enjoy the ceremonies. [Request a letter of support](#) - please submit a new request for each guest that will need a visa support letter. This letter is only to support an application. It is not to assist in getting an appointment. Around the world we are seeing many consulates and embassies with reduced capacities to process non-immigrant visas due to the pandemic. Our best advice is to continue checking multiple times a day for appointments. If you have questions about your specific situation, reach out to [Andrea Le](#).

Student Speaker Opportunities

Information about opportunities for student speakers for both the University Morning Exercises and the HGSE Student Speaker competition are now posted to the [OSA Commencement website](#). Note that

there is an Orators Workshop being hosted at 3:30 p.m. in Emerson Hall by the Central Commencement Office with more information about the University Speaker Competition.

Commencement Information Session

Join me on Tuesday, March 7th at 12 p.m. ET via [this link](#) to learn more about what to expect during Commencement Week 2023. This will be a great opportunity to begin to get excited about Commencement and to have your questions answered (or at least collected!). This session will be recorded and posted to the OSA Commencement website for those who are unable to attend.

Everyone here in OSA is excited to celebrate your accomplishments with you this May!

Best wishes,
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