

2023 Graduation Day Information

We look forward to seeing you at the Yellowquill University College graduation ceremony. Please read the grad details and instructions below:

- DATE: Thursday, June 22nd, 2023
- LOCATION: Victoria Inn at 1808 Wellington Avenue, South Centennial Ballroom in the new area at the back. This is the last hotel before the airport.
- TIME: Be there by 11:00 a.m. to get dressed in your cap and gown in the Wellington Room in the older area at the front. It is important that graduates arrive early so that we can start the ceremony on time. This process takes time. Graduates line up at 11:45 for the processional.
- MATURE STUDENT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA STUDENTS: If you are not sure if you are graduating, call Natallie Peters on June 14th to see if you passed your courses.
- **POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS:** If you are not sure if you are graduating, call your program coordinator.
- **INVITATIONS:** Your grad invitations are ready for pick up at the front desk at both campuses. Every grad gets to invite 4 guests to the ceremony. Have them arrive early to get a seat.
- **PERSONAL ITEMS:** Leave purses, phones, and cameras with your family members. You don't want to walk down the aisle carrying all these items.

CAP AND GOWN:

- You will have to wear a cap, so keep this in mind when you "do" your hair.
- Your shoes stand out when you are covered in your gown, so wear clean, presentable shoes.
- No sunglasses.

TURN OVER



- This is a formal event, so please dress accordingly. Many students dress up in dresses, suits, and other formal attire but keep in mind it will be hot under the gown.
- Return your gown to the same room after the ceremony. Give it to the staff member in the room. You can keep the cap and tassel.

CHILDREN:

- Have someone watching your children. They must be accompanied.
- If you bring your small children, have something for them to do: coloring books, small toys, books, etc. This is a long ceremony and it's hard for young children to stay still for so long.
- You may also need to bring them a snack.
- o Please instruct your children that they cannot sit with you during the ceremony.

DURING THE CEREMONY. All eyes are on you, so refrain from:

- Gum chewing
- Phoning or texting
- Noisemakers, horns, or bells
- Going in and out of your seat. Please be respectful of your classmates and stay seated until all graduates have picked up their diplomas and certificates.
- o Substance use (alcohol and drugs). Unfortunately, it's been an issue in the past.
- **PICTURES:** <u>Take pictures AFTER the ceremony</u>. Please explain this in advance to your family and friends.
- BE SAFE: If you go out to celebrate after the ceremony, be safe and have fun!

