College of General Studies’ Graduation Reception & Recognition Ceremony
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Are cap and gown worn at the CGS Graduation Reception and Recognition Ceremony?**
   No, cap and gown are not worn at the CGS Graduation Reception and Recognition Ceremony; they are worn at the University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Ceremony on Sunday, April 30, 2017 (commencement.pitt.edu). We suggest semi-formal/professional attire for the CGS Graduation Reception and Recognition Ceremony. If you purchased a cap and gown for the Pitt Convocation, you are welcome to wear it to the CGS event, though most students do not.

2. **What is included in the CGS Graduation Reception and Recognition Ceremony?**
   **RECEPTION 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fitzgerald Field House**
   - This is an opportunity for you to mingle with your family, friends, and fellow graduates.
   - A photographer will be present to take pictures of you and your family at no cost. These photos will be e-mailed to you in May.
   - Light desserts and beverages will be served at this time. Please note this is not a dinner event.

   **RECOGNITION CEREMONY 6:30-8 p.m., Fitzgerald Field House**
   - Each graduate is called to the stage to receive a diploma cover. Your actual diploma will be mailed to you by the Registrar at a later date.
   - As you approach the stage, a summary of the information you provide in your RSVP will be read to the audience. If your RSVP is not fully completed by **Friday, April 7, 2017** only your name and major will be read.
   - The photographer will take pictures of each graduate as s/he accepts the diploma cover. This photo will also be e-mailed to you in May.

3. **Will I get my diploma at the CGS Graduation Reception and Recognition Ceremony?**
   No. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates once grades have been finalized. For more information, contact the Registrar’s office registrar.pitt.edu/graduation.html

4. **Where can I park?**
   The closest parking garage is the OC Lot which is across Allequippa Street from the Fitzgerald Field House. Metered street parking is also available throughout Oakland.

5. **How many guests may I bring?**
   The Fitzgerald Field House seats up to 2,000 people, so we do not require tickets for students and guests. We do however ask for your help to ensure all guests are able to enjoy the event:
   - For large groups, please have only immediate family members sit in the lower level floor seats.
   - We ask that the remainder of the group, especially younger attendees or more distant relatives, sit in the balcony.
   - Please indicate your estimated number of guests on the RSVP.

6. **Where do graduates sit?**
   Graduates will have seats assigned in alphabetical order - please do not sit with your family and guests!

7. **Can I RSVP via e-mail?**
   No. You must fill out the RSVP via the survey link: cgs.pitt.edu/CGSGraduationRSVP. If you have issues with the online RSVP, please contact Lydia Heyliger at lydia.heyliger@pitt.edu.