



Behavioral Expectations for Graduates and Guests

The College of Idaho is excited to celebrate our graduates! Commencement is meant to be a fun celebration to address the amazing accomplishments of our graduating seniors. We are excited to bring attention to the tremendous work that these students have put in over the past several years. At The College of Idaho, we strive to make sure all participants feel safe while participating in any event on campus. We encourage everyone involved to make this a positive experience for everyone and ask that students and guests show and treat everyone with respect and protect the integrity of our Commencement Ceremony. We ask that everyone please comply with the provisions cited here. The safety of our students and community members is paramount.

ADMISSION TO FACILITY

While this is not a ticketed event, we ask that students and guests **Do Not** bring any weapons or anything that can be deemed a threat to public safety, regardless of permit.

The following items are also **NOT** allowed at commencement:

- Latex Balloons
- Signage of any kind
- Noise makers
- Glass Bottles
- Drones
- Large Bags/Backpacks
- Fireworks
- Tobacco Products

DISRUPTION OF THE CEREMONY

The College of Idaho absolutely does not tolerate speech or expressive activity that:

- Disrupts the operations and events of the College
- Violates the law
- Constitutes a genuine threat or harassment
- Incites violence or lawless action
- Falsely defames.

The shutting down of speakers, cameras, or any other equipment used for Commencement will result in automatic dismissal.

Students and guests should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that demonstrates respect toward graduates, guests and the speakers on stage.

There will be zero tolerance for disorderly behavior, or behavior that limits the egress or orderly flow of the ceremony.

To ensure the comfort of our guests and to comply with fire safety laws, aisles must be kept clear at all times. Guests are asked to cooperate with ushers and officers and to keep designated areas clear.

Individuals who engage in disruptive behavior are subject to immediate removal from campus and potential arrest where the conduct becomes criminal, including trespassing where an individual has been asked to leave and refuses.

Students should refer to the [Student Handbook](#) for more information about what conduct may result in discipline by the College.

Commencement guests should report any inappropriate or disruptive behavior to the nearest staff member.

ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND PUBLIC INTOXICATION

To protect students and guests, alcohol and controlled substances are not allowed in the Morrison Quadrangle and the line-up areas. Students in possession of alcoholic beverages in the Commencement line-up area or transporting alcoholic beverages to the Quad will have the beverage confiscated.

Drunk or disorderly behavior may result in removal from the ceremony, referral to the student conduct process, and/or further legal consequences.

Any student removed from the ceremony will have their diploma held until the conclusion of the student conduct process.

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