Graduation 2013
Frequently Asked Questions
For Faculty, BAC, and BOD

1. **When and where is Graduation?**
   Graduation for the Class of 2013 will be held on Sunday, June 9\textsuperscript{th} at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of Navy Pier in Chicago.

2. **Where is Navy Pier located?**
   Navy Pier
   600 Grand Ave.
   Chicago, IL 60011

3. **How do I get to Navy Pier?**
   Many people find that it is easiest to drive to Navy Pier because early on a Sunday morning, traffic is very light. Be sure to check local traffic and construction information the morning of Graduation to ensure that you arrive on time. [Click here for construction and traffic updates](#) and [here for directions](#).

4. **Where should we park at Navy Pier and what does it cost?**
   Park in the East Garage at Navy Pier. When you enter the garage, you should park as far down into the garage as possible, because it is a long walk from the parking garages to Lake View Terrace. As the East Garage fills up, cars will park further away making the walk longer. There is a drop-off area just beyond the East Garage where people who would find it difficult to walk so far can be dropped off. For more information, visit [Navy Pier’s website](#). You should allow about 10-15 minutes to walk from the garage to Lake View Terrace.

   LFGSM will pay for your parking. You will receive your parking pass, good for parking on June 9\textsuperscript{th}, when you check-in in Lake View Terrace.

5. **When should I arrive and with whom do I check-in?**
   All Faculty, BAC, and BOD members should arrive in Lake View Terrace no later than 8:30 a.m. Navy Pier is a mile in length and you will check-in at Lake View Terrace, which is at the far east end of Navy Pier, near the Grand Ballroom. Please allow plenty of time to walk to Lake View Terrace once you arrive at Navy Pier.

   There will be a sign designating the BOD, BAC, Faculty check-in table.

6. **What is the attire for Graduation?**
   Attire for the day is business casual. You will be walking a lot, so wear comfortable shoes that are appropriate for the occasion. Remember, you will have full regalia on for most of the day.

7. **Is there a place I can store my purse or other personal effects during the Ceremony?**
   No. LFGSM cannot provide a secure storage room during the Ceremony. Please leave any valuables with one of your guests.

8. **My spouse is attending. Is there reserved seating for spouses of faculty, BAC, and BOD members?**
   There will not be reserved seating for the families of Faculty, BAC, or BOD members unless you have a family member who is part of the Class of 2013 or if you have a speaking role in the ceremony.
9. Will Graduation be indoors or outside? How do I plan for the crazy Chicago weather?
   Graduation is held inside the Grand Ballroom, but many of our graduates enjoy taking pictures outside after the ceremony with either the city or the lake in the background and appreciate having their favorite faculty members in their pictures. Because Navy Pier is a mile in length, it can be breezy on the Pier and your guests may want a light jacket or sweater. Visit The Weather Channel's website for the latest forecast for Navy Pier and Chicago.

10. Are children allowed to attend the LFGSM Graduation Ceremony?
   Although children are welcome to attend, we remind you that Graduation is a celebration for our graduates. If you have small children who don’t sit still easily, you may want to leave your kids at home or bring someone who can be responsible for taking them outside, if need be.

11. What is the itinerary for Graduation?

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<td>8:55 – 10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Pictures for: BAC, BOD, Faculty, DFA, DEA, Corporate Graduate Groups (LVT stage)</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Grand Ballroom opens. Seating is not reserved and is on a first-come, first-served basis. BAC and Faculty can walk-through Grand Ballroom to familiarize themselves with it and/or network with graduates when not needed for pictures.</td>
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<td>9:00 – 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Graduates arrive and check-in at Lake View Terrace; BAC welcomes Graduates and assists them with their regalia (LVT)</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Pre-Ceremony and announcement of Hotchkiss Scholars in Lake View Terrace. Graduates only. Hosted by BAC.</td>
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<td>Line-up. Faculty, BAC, and BOD line-up at the top of the stairs just outside of Lake View Terrace.</td>
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<td>Processional begins</td>
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12. What are the corporate groups that will have pictures taken and how will I know if I'm part of one?
   Corporate groups are companies with a significant number of graduates in the Class of 2013. We will contact those of you who work for these companies via email on during the first week of June with where and when your group picture will be taken.

13. Are there restaurants on the Pier? Do you recommend making reservations?
   Should you want to have a sit-down meal after graduation, Navy Pier has a number of restaurants. We recommend Riva Crabhouse and Riva Café. Both have extensive menus in different price points. They also both have spectacular views of the City and the lake. Reservations are highly recommended. Graduation will end at 12:00 p.m. and most graduates mingle with friends and family for pictures and celebration until about 12:45 before returning their regalia by 1:00 p.m., so we recommend making reservations for about 1:15 or 1:30 after the lunch crowd.

14. Are there any special tips I should know about regalia?
   When you receive your regalia, please take it out of the box and hang it up to let the wrinkles fall out of it. You may want to press it or let it hang in the bathroom while the hot shower runs. Please remember to bring your regalia with you because although our regalia vendor will be at Graduation and have a few extra sets of regalia, priority will be given to graduates.

15. Where do I return my regalia after the Ceremony?
   All regalia must be returned to Lake View Terrace (where you will check-in that morning) no later than 1:00 p.m.
16. My plans have changed and I can no longer participate in Graduation. Do I need to let you know and what do I do with my regalia?

We hope that everyone who has RSVP’d and said they would participate in Graduation will participate, but understand that life happens and unexpected things come up. If your plans have changed, please contact Diana Booth no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3rd to arrange to return your regalia.