



SENIOR BULLETIN

Apex Friendship High

Class of 2020

Students and Parents of the Class of 2020!

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome you to the AFHS senior graduation bulletin. High school graduation is one of the watershed moments of ones' life and we look forward to going through this process with you. It is critically important that you are attentive to all of the information and deadlines shared in this document. We only get one chance to make the ceremony special and we need to be sure that everyone understands the expectations and requirements. *M. Wight*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9, 1:00 – 3:00 pm Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal @
The Raleigh Convention Center. WCPSS Graduation Page: bit.ly/2NUycga

June 13, 10:00 am Graduation -Students must arrive by 8:45 am.
The Raleigh Convention Center

Please be aware that the rehearsal on June 9, is **NOT optional** (hence, the word mandatory). Seniors must pay attention to the mandatory rehearsal date/time and are expected to choose a college orientation date that does not conflict with the mandatory rehearsal. Most colleges offer numerous dates for orientations. June 9, 2020, is a student day on the WCPSS traditional calendar; thus, choosing an orientation date or making other plans that conflict with the rehearsal date/time is poor decision making. Choosing not to attend the mandatory graduation rehearsal also is choosing not to participate in the graduation program on June 13, 2020.*

- **Each student will receive 8 tickets to graduation at the end of Graduation Rehearsal**
- **Two additional graduation tickets can be requested at this address:**
bit.ly/afhstic20 (use your student email)
**** Only ticketed guests will be allowed admission**

SENIORS WHO FAIL TO CLEAR THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OR COMPLETE THE SENIOR SURVEY PRIOR TO REHEARSAL, WILL NOT RECEIVE TICKETS.

Ceremony Conduct

Graduates who do not wear appropriate attire or violate any WCPSS or AFHS standards of conduct, including guidelines in this bulletin, may be removed from the line and may not be allowed to participate in commencement activities.

- Cat-calling, yelling, and pranks during graduation will distract from the ceremony. If necessary, diplomas will be withheld and students will have to make arrangements to pick them up at Apex Friendship High School at the principal's discretion. Community service may be required.
- No gum and no smoking once you enter the grounds of the Raleigh Convention Center. Also, refrain from bringing food and beverages into the convention center.
- Seniors should not have electronic devices in their possession during the ceremony. AFHS staff and administrators may confiscate electronic devices and return them at a time convenient for administration. AFHS is not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Students who violate this expectation may have their diplomas held until the administration chooses to issue them at a designate date after the graduation ceremony. It is requested that audience members place electronic devices in a silent mode during the entire ceremony.
- All AFHS and WCPSS policies apply to all graduation activities. If you do not abide by the policies, you may be prohibited from participating in the ceremony and/or your diploma may be held and issued at a time decided by the principal. (This includes the dress code!)

Raleigh Convention Center Policies For Students and Guests

- The Security Staff of the Wake County Public School System and the Staff of the Raleigh Convention Center do NOT allow parents and guests to leave their seats and disrupt the ceremony by being in the aisles to photograph graduates. Professional photographers will be at the ceremony to take pictures at the time each student receives his/her diploma cover.
- The following items are prohibited inside the facility: balloons, camera bags, book bags/backpacks, glass vases/containers of flowers, food or drinks, noise makers, wrapped packages of any kind, or any items similar to those listed above. Flowers wrapped in tissue paper are allowed inside the building. Intoxicated individuals will not be allowed to enter the exhibit floor area.
- **DROP-OFF AREA:** under the “Shimmer Wall” on McDowell Street for graduates and guests who have difficulty walking distances. Golf carts will be available at the drop-off area and at entrances to nearby parking decks to transport guest to the Cabarrus Street door of the Convention Center.

Graduation Etiquette

Appropriate Dress

Women:

- Light weight dress under the graduation robe (not longer than the gown) or dark or khaki dress pants with collared dress shirt, minimal jewelry.
- Dark or Neutral Colored Shoes- flats with heel strap or pumps (no athletic shoes, boots, flip flops).
- NO cell phones, purses, handbags, cameras, or other electronic devices. Nothing is to be carried into the ceremony.

Men:

- Collared dress shirt and necktie or bowtie.
- Dark dress pants or khakis and dark socks (no jeans).
- Dark dress shoes (no boat shoes, athletic shoes, flip flops).
- NO cell phones, cameras or other electronic devices. **Nothing is to be carried into the ceremony.**

Caps and Gowns

- Caps and gowns should always be worn in a dignified manner.
- Be sure your gown is neatly pressed. Please remember to use a cool iron as the gown will melt easily if the iron is too hot. Letting the gown hang for several weeks will help. **DO NOT WASH OR DRY CLEAN THE GOWNS.** Both males and females always wear caps STRAIGHT on the head, parallel to the floor.
- Tassels are worn on the right side of the cap until the changing of the tassel near the conclusion of the ceremony.
- **No one is allowed to alter or add decorations to their cap or gown.**
- Graduates are expected to hold their caps at the end of the ceremony.
- The cords will be worn only by members in good standing of school approved National Honor Societies.

Honors Stoles

Students will be notified by May 4th during homeroom if they have earned the right to wear an honors stoles to graduation based on board policy 3450:

- Students with a 3.75 - 3.99 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of cum laude.
- Students with a 4.0 - 4.249 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of magna cum laude.
- Students with a 4.25 or higher weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of summa cum laude.

After students have been notified on May 4th of their honors designation, students can purchase their honors stoles online on the AFHS OSP May 4-13th OSP: bit.ly/2Gqi0Sf. The cost of the honors stole is \$12. Bring Receipt for pick up. Students will be able to pick up their honors stole during lunch and afterschool on May 11th and 13th.

Financial Obligations

All fees and fines must be paid in full by 2:00 p.m. on Friday May 15, 2020 or graduation tickets will be withheld.

Seniors should check PowerSchool and the media center to see if they have any fines and fees. Be sure to understand that additional fines and fees could be added as late as the last days of class depending on when seniors return books and other materials to staff members.

Senior Survey

All seniors must complete the senior survey to ensure FINAL transcripts are processed correctly. The survey link will be available on the main page of the AFHS website beginning May 4th.

Spring Dates

March 17th: Cap/Gown and grad. product delivery during lunch-Auditorium Lobby

April 20th: Make up Cap/Gown delivery during lunch-Auditorium Lobby

April 25th: Mr. Patriot 7pm Auditorium. Check AFHS website for details.
bit.ly/30N64RI

May 4th-31st: Make sure you complete your Senior Survey

May 4: Latin Honors (Summa, Magna and Cum) students will be notified in Home-room. They may purchase optional stoles May 4-13th through OSP. Bring OSP receipt to pick up location on May 11/13th. OSP: bit.ly/2TStXp9

June 5th: SENIOR AWARDS AND SENIOR SEND OFF Picnic. Parents of award recipients will be notified 2 weeks prior.

June 6th: PTSA sponsored Baccalaureate Ceremony 3-5pm Hope Community Church. See PTSA page for details. PTSA Senior Page: bit.ly/2sUDotm

Transcript Requests

Senior transcripts will be finalized at the end of June. Transcript requests for in-state colleges and universities must be submitted through CFNC.org. Transcript requests for out-of-state colleges and universities must be made through <https://wcpss.scriborder.com>. Students who apply through Common App must request a final transcript through CFNC.