



LGS Diploma Ceremony, May 12, 2019

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Times

- 8 am – the parking garage at 1599 Clifton Road opens. The Peavine parking garage will also be open.
- 9:00 – shuttle buses start operating between the 1599 parking garage and the Woodruff Physical Education Center (WoodPEC)
- 9:30 – doors to WoodPEC open
- 9:30 – LGS staff is available to help graduates and faculty line up for the procession
- 10:00 – all graduates and faculty should be present at WoodPEC
- 10:30 – all graduates and faculty should be lined up in order
- 10:45 – graduates and faculty proceed into the gymnasium for the ceremony
- **11:00 – the ceremony begins**
- ~ 1:30 – we anticipate the ceremony will end around this time. Graduates and faculty will recess first, and then guests may leave.
- 2:00 pm – shuttle buses begin taking people back to 1599 and to the Emory Conference Center and Hotel (ECCH) for the reception
- 3:30 – shuttle buses end
- 6:30 – 1599 parking garage closes

Transportation

- It is possible to walk from 1599 to WoodPEC on sidewalks and campus walkways. It takes around 10 minutes.
- Shuttle buses will be operating between 1599 and WoodPEC, both before and after the ceremony
- It is easy to drive between the Peavine parking garage and the 1599 parking garage and the ECCH

Parking

There are two options for free parking:

1. Parking garage at 1599 Clifton building.
 - a. This is located next to the location for the Reception
 - b. It is a multi-story garage with no elevator
 - c. Shuttle buses will take guests from the parking to WoodPEC for the ceremony, and then back again from WoodPEC to the parking after the ceremony
2. Peavine parking garage
 - a. This is located across the street from WoodPEC.
 - b. It is a multi-story garage with an elevator
 - c. If you park here, you can drive to 1599 and the ECCH for the reception after the ceremony
 - d. If you park here and then take the shuttle bus to the reception, you will need to walk back to Peavine. Please plan ahead with your parking choice.

You may notice the Peavine guest parking lot. **Do not use this**, because you will be charged for your parking as you leave. Use the Peavine parking garage.

Seating

- Most of the seating is bleacher seating.
- Some chair seating is available on the floor, behind the area where graduates and faculty sit. This seating should be used by those who may have difficulty sitting in bleacher seats for the whole ceremony.

The Ceremony

- The bulk of the ceremony consists of graduates receiving their diploma covers (all graduates) and hoods (doctoral graduates). (Note: the actual diplomas will be mailed; see Diploma Information on [our Commencement page](#).)
- Please respect the ropes that limit access to the stage area: graduates and faculty walk from their seats to the stage and back again, and need unimpeded access to their paths

- A professional photographer will take pictures of all graduates on the stage and as they leave the stage
- If you want to take additional pictures, please do so from designated areas, and return to your seat after you have taken pictures

Recession

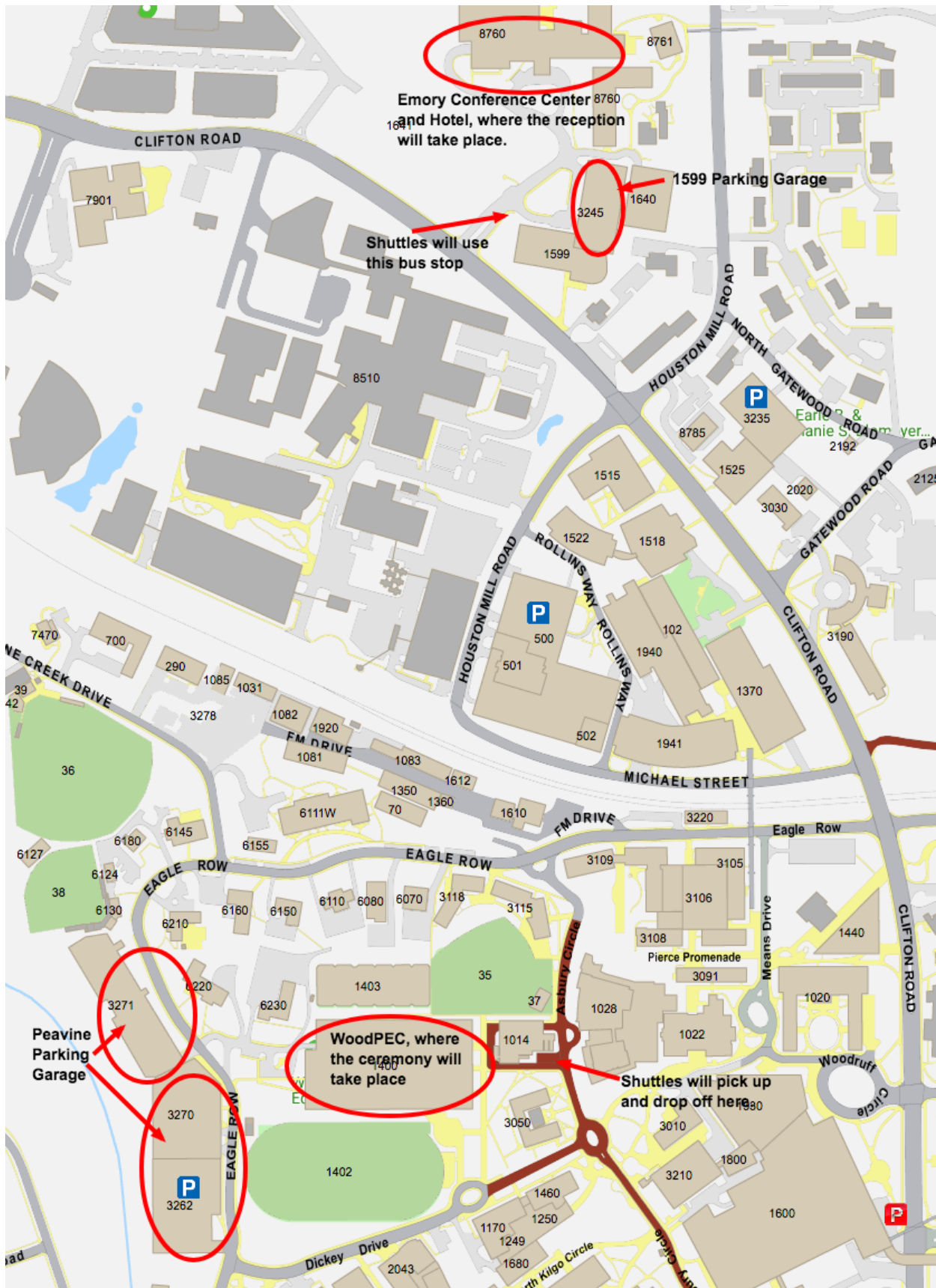
- As the ceremony ends, graduates and faculty will recess and walk around the back of the WoodPEC building to the front doors
- Please do not follow the graduates and faculty. Walk out through the hallways and meet your graduate by the front doors.
- Shuttle buses will be leaving from the front door area to take graduates, faculty and guests to the reception at the ECCH

The Reception

- The reception will be in the lower level of the ECCH, in the Lullwater room area. You won't be able to miss it!
- The reception will feature a variety of food, including vegetarian dishes, and beverage service including both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Serving and seating areas will extend from the Lullwater ballroom into adjacent reception areas including (weather permitting) outdoor seating areas
- The reception will end at 5:30

Maps

- Campus maps, including printable ones, are here <http://map.emory.edu/>. Online maps, like Google's, function well.
- Emory's commencement pages contain a guide with a map relevant to Monday's events, at <http://www.emory.edu/commencement/maps/index.html>.
- The next page contains a map showing specific points relevant to the LGS ceremony.



Emory Conference Center 8760 and Hotel, where the reception will take place.

Shuttles will use this bus stop

1599 Parking Garage

Peavine Parking Garage

WoodPEC, where the ceremony will take place

Shuttles will pick up and drop off here