

Florida Gulf Coast University

Commencement XXIII

Saturday, December 12th, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Alico Arena – FGCU campus



Contacts

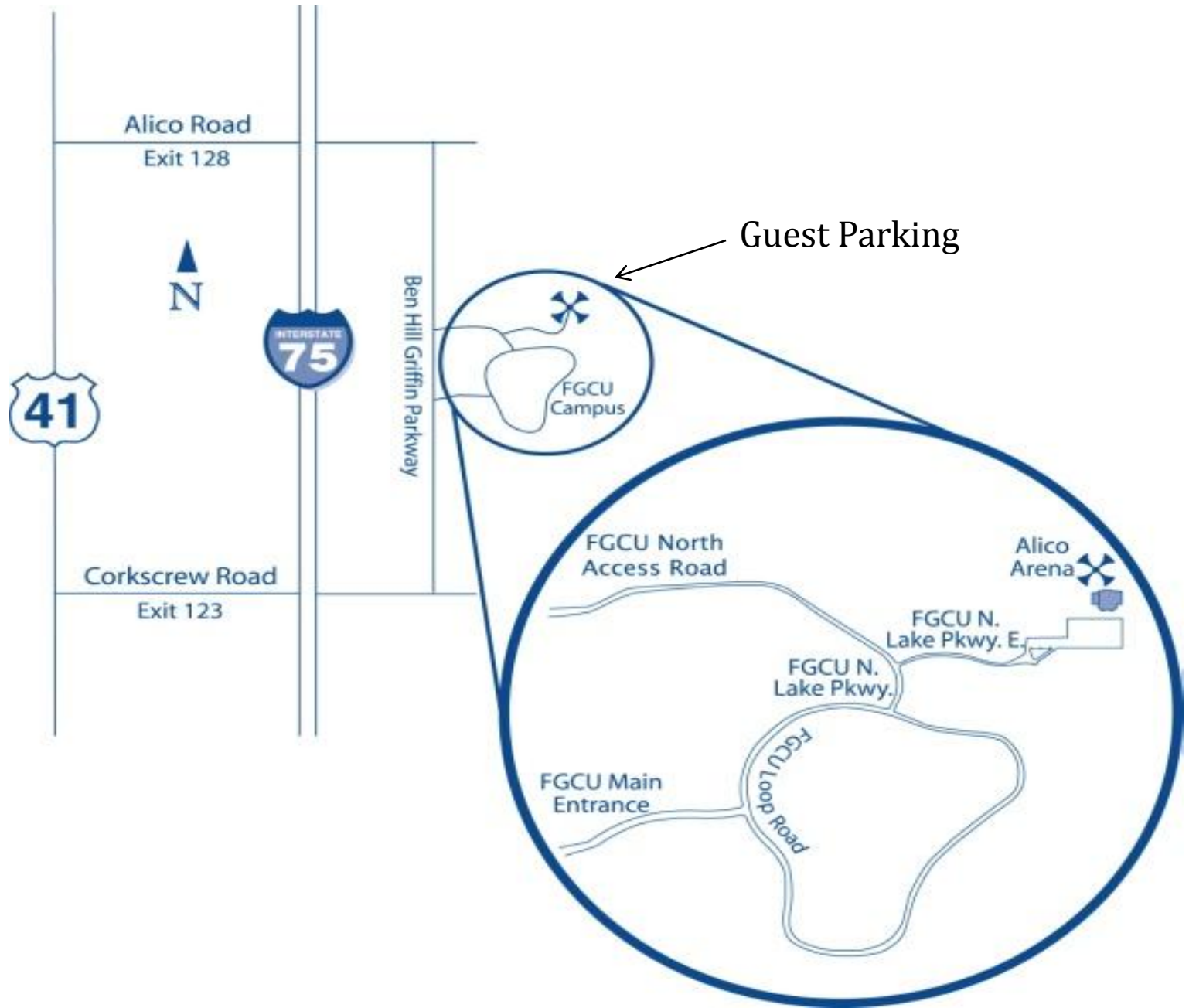
- Office of the Registrar (239) 590-7980
 - For all final questions about the commencement ceremony, GPA, or diploma.
- University Bookstore (239) 590-1150
 - Questions about cap & gowns.
- Adaptive Services (239) 590-7956
 - Questions concerning special accommodations the day of the ceremony for students and guests.



Directions to Alico Arena

- From the North: Take I-75 south to exit 128 (Alico Road). Go east on Alico Road to Ben Hill Griffin Parkway. Turn right onto Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and travel south to FGCU North Access Road. Turn left onto FGCU North Access Road. Signs will direct you to Commencement parking.
- From the South: Take I-75 north to exit 123 (Corkscrew Road). Go east on Corkscrew Road to Ben Hill Griffin Parkway. Turn left onto Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and travel north to the FGCU North Access Road. Turn Right onto FGCU North Access Road. Signs will direct you to Commencement parking.





Alico Road
Exit 128



Ben Hill Griffin Parkway

Guest Parking

FGCU Campus

Corkscrew Road
Exit 123

FGCU North
Access Road

Alico
Arena

FGCU N.
Lake Pkwy. E.

FGCU N.
Lake Pkwy.

FGCU Main
Entrance

FGCU Loop Road

Parking

- Parking for the ceremony will be on Florida Gulf Coast University's main campus.
- Parking will be available in Garages 1 & 3
- Shuttles will be provided to and from Alico Arena.
- Signs will be posted and officers will be present to assist with parking directions



Candidate Arrival

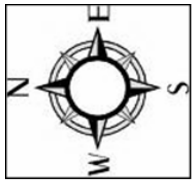
- The arena arrival time for all candidates is 7:15 a.m.
- Candidates will enter the arena using the outdoor staircase located on the right side of the arena (signs will be posted). Only candidates will be allowed through these doors.
- Any candidates requiring special accommodations will need to contact the Adaptive Services office at (239) 590-7956.
- Upon entering, candidates will be given a reader card and graduation survey at their college table.



Candidate Arrival *continued*

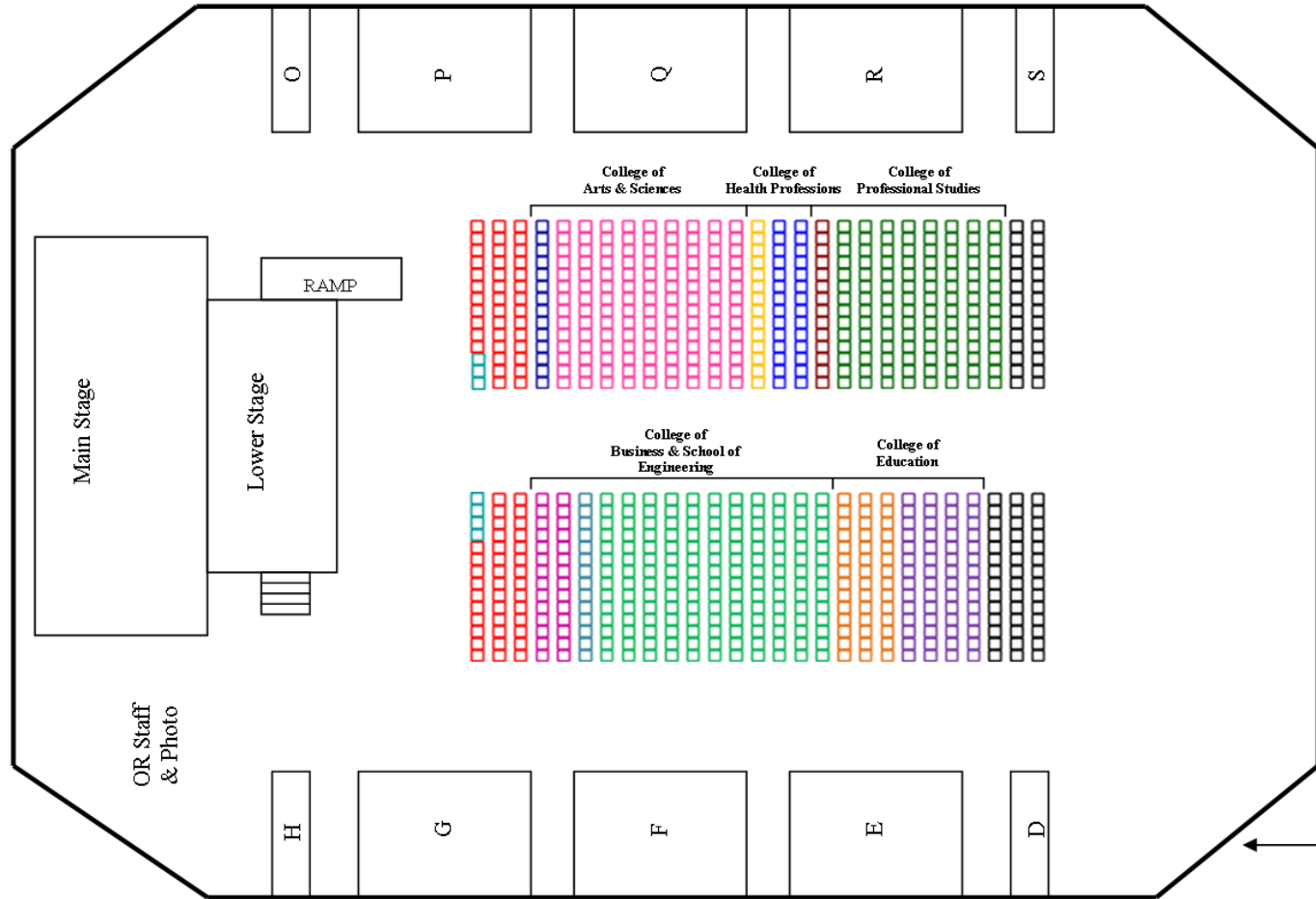
- When the reader card and survey is completed, candidates will be ushered to the arena floor seating in groups of 10 to 15 people.
- Please be sure that you are seated on the main floor with your college no later than 8:40 a.m.
- **No one will be allowed on the arena floor after this time.**





College Candidate Seating

Hospitality Suite



SECTIONS 1,2: 27 ROWS X 14 CHAIRS

- West Column**
- FACULTY
 - MARSHALS
 - GR COB
 - UG SOE
 - UG COB
 - GR COE
 - UG COE
 - + 3 empty rows

- East Column**
- FACULTY
 - MARSHALS
 - GR CAS
 - UG CAS
 - GR CHP
 - UG CHP
 - GR CPS
 - UG CPS
 - + 2 empty rows

Front Entrance

Candidate Entrance

Candidate Attire & Valuables

- There is no secure location to keep valuables, so please leave these with your guests.
- Inappropriate dress includes shorts, t-shirts, halter-tops, beach wear, sandals, etc.
- **Ladies:** High-heeled shoes are NOT recommended.



Guest Arrival

- The arena will open at 7:15 a.m.
- Ticket holding family and friends will enter through the main entrance of the arena.
- Signs will be posted with directions.
- Staff will also be present to answer questions and give directions.
- Seating for individuals with special needs will be located in a designated area. Please contact Adaptive Services at (239) 590-7956 by December 4th.
- Tickets are required for all guests and seating is limited (do not forget your tickets).

Guest Seating & Information

- Guest seating with a ticket is on a first-come first-served basis in designated areas beginning at 7:15 a.m.
- Individuals without tickets are encouraged to view the ceremony on big screens that will be available in the FGCU Student Union Ballroom.
- Guests will be given a \$3.00 discount for admission to the men's basketball game following the ceremony with presentation of their guest ticket.



Photography

- ***NO*** one is allowed onto the main floor or in the aisles to take pictures.
- A professional photographer has been hired to take photos of each candidate crossing the stage and a photo after receiving their diploma cover.
- Bob Knight Photo Marketing will send proofs to candidates directly with the opportunity to purchase the photos.
<http://www.bobknightphoto.com>



Webcast

- The Commencement ceremony will be viewable via webcast at the following link: www.fgcu.edu beginning at 9:00 a.m.



The Ceremony

- At the appropriate moment, ushers will ask each college marshal to rise and lead their candidates to the stage beginning with the masters candidates.
- Candidates will hand their reader card to the University Reader at the podium.
- As the candidate's name is read, he or she will proceed across the stage.
- Staff will then direct the candidate to the photo area.
- This process will then be repeated for the bachelors candidates.



Ceremony Recessional

- In respect to all candidates, please remain in your seats until the conclusion of the ceremony.
- Guests are asked to remain in their seats as well until all candidates have receded off the main floor.
- Order of recessional:
 - University Marshal
 - Platform Party
 - Faculty
 - Graduates, 1 row at a time



The End

- Candidates will be directed off the arena floor by staff members.
- Please do not stop when you reach the lobby area.
- Plan a meeting location with our family in advance outside of the building.
- The University Bookstore will have a table set-up with merchandise for sale.
- We wish you a safe, happy, and memorable celebration.

