

# 2017 GRADUATION INFORMATION

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## *Graduates and Families,*

Our 2017 Graduation Ceremony is almost here!

DATE: *Friday, July 7, 2017 at 3 p.m.*  
LOCATION: *Grand Canyon University*  
ADDRESS: *3300 W. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85017*

Please review the following information about the ceremony, which includes directions to Grand Canyon University, an area map, a list of local hotels and restaurants, frequently asked questions and helpful post-graduation information.

All graduates must arrive between **11 a.m - 12:15 p.m.** to check in. Cap and gown distribution will also take place during this time for students who have not already received these items. A rehearsal and final review of event details by our staff will begin at **12:15 p.m.** for all graduates that are participating in the ceremony. Please arrive at the scheduled time to ensure that we can rehearse and begin the ceremony on time.

Guests will be seated once the Arena doors are opened at approximately **2 p.m.** The ceremony will begin promptly at **3 p.m.**, so we ask that all guests find their seats prior to this time.

If you have any questions regarding the ceremony, please email us at [graduation@primaveratech.org](mailto:graduation@primaveratech.org) or contact *your guidance counselor*.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you—what an accomplishment!

Sincerely,

Primavera Faculty and Staff

## DIRECTIONS

### GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY ARENA

3300 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85017

[gcuarena.com](http://gcuarena.com)



### *Directions from Interstate 17:*

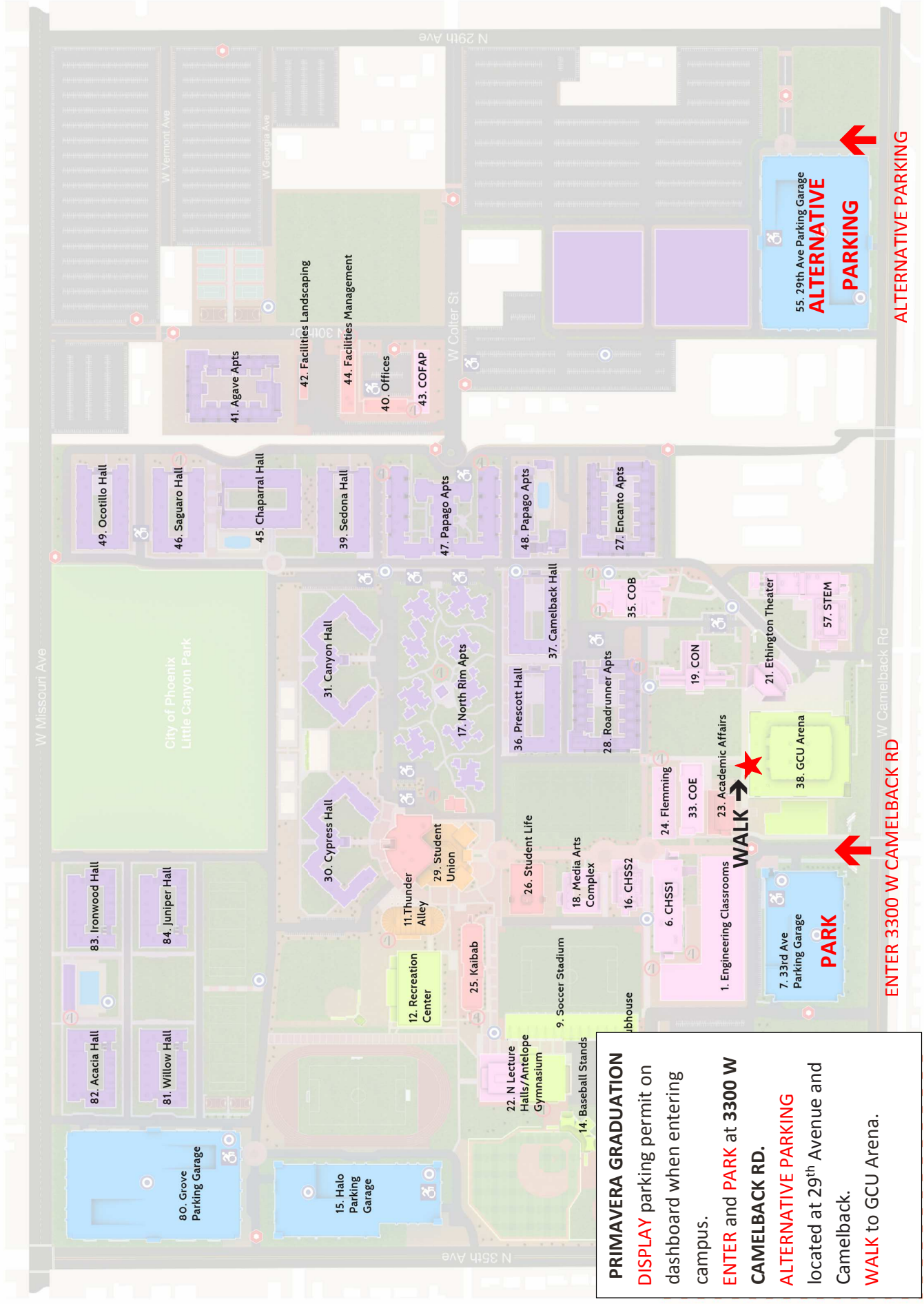
**EXIT** on Camelback  
**WEST** on Camelback  
**NORTH** on 29th Ave or 33rd Ave  
**PARKING** on left

### *Directions from Airport:*

**EXIT AIRPORT** onto I-10 West  
**CONTINUE** to I-17 Interchange  
**NORTH** on I-17  
**EXIT** at Camelback (exit 143A)  
**WEST** on Camelback  
**NORTH** on 29th Ave or 33rd Ave  
**PARKING** on left

*See detailed parking map on next page >>>*

- Classrooms
- Student Housing
- Food Services
- Athletics
- Covered Parking
- Other
- Security Booths
- Blue-Light Security Stations
- Handicap Parking
- Designated Smoking Area



**PRIMAVERA GRADUATION**  
**DISPLAY** parking permit on dashboard when entering campus.  
**ENTER** and **PARK** at **3300 W CAMELBACK RD.**  
**ALTERNATIVE PARKING** located at 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Camelback.  
**WALK** to GCU Arena.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE CEREMONY BE HELD?

The ceremony will be held on Friday, July 7, 2017 at 3 p.m. at Grand Canyon University, which is located on 3300 W. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85017. For more information about the ceremony, visit our [GRADUATION PAGE](#).

### HOW DO I GET MY CAP, GOWN AND TASSEL?

Graduation caps, gowns and tassels can be purchased through Primavera for \$45 through July 1. Items can be picked up at the Primavera office in Chandler, or shipped to the students home for an additional \$5 fee.

### WHEN WILL GRADUATES NEED TO ARRIVE?

Check-in for graduates takes place from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Students who have not received their caps and gowns may pick up these items during check-in. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 12:15 p.m. For more information on this topic, visit our [2017 CEREMONY PAGE](#).

### HOW LONG IS THE CEREMONY?

The ceremony is expected to last two hours.

### WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

Guest will be able to park in the parking garages located near the Grand Canyon University arena. For more information see the attached map.

### WHERE IS CHECK IN?

Students will check in at the main entrance/lobby area of the Grand Canyon University Arena.

### WHAT TIME WILL DOORS BE OPEN TO GUESTS?

Doors will open at 2 p.m., and the ceremony will begin promptly at 3 p.m.

### HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY?

Approximately 325 graduates are expected to participate in the 2017 graduation ceremony.

### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Graduates should wear business casual attire.

Mens' suggested attire: slacks, a button-down shirt, dress shoes and optional tie.

Ladies' suggested attire: dress, slacks or skirt with a dress shirt and dress shoes. Please note that heels must be under three inches, and dresses or skirts must at least reach your thumbs when your arms are completely extended down to your side.

### WILL I RECEIVE MY DIPLOMA AT THE CEREMONY?

If you have RSVP'd and completed all graduation requirements (credits and standardized testing), you will be able to pick up your diploma at the conclusion of the ceremony. To make sure you have met the graduation requirements, please contact your guidance counselor.

### ARE NAMES READ IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER?

No, names are read as graduates cross the stage based on the order in which they are seated.

### ARE THERE PLACES TO EAT NEAR THE VENUE?

Yes, to see a list of nearby restaurants, please view the Food and Dining Section on page five.

If you have any other questions regarding the graduation ceremony, please email [graduation@primaveratech.org](mailto:graduation@primaveratech.org) or contact your guidance counselor.

## HOTELS

### HYATT REGENCY DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

122 N. 2nd St. | Phoenix, AZ 85004  
602.252.1234 | [phoenix.hyatt.com](http://phoenix.hyatt.com)

### SHERATON PHOENIX DOWNTOWN HOTEL

340 N. 3rd St. | Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
602.262.2500 | [sheratonphoenixdownton.com](http://sheratonphoenixdownton.com)

### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS DOWNTOWN

620 N. 6th St. | Phoenix, AZ 85004  
602.452.2020 | [ihg.com](http://ihg.com)

### SPRINGHILL SUITES PHOENIX DOWNTOWN

802 E. Van Buren St. | Phoenix, Arizona 85006  
602.307.9929 | [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

### DOUBLETREE SUITES BY HILTON - PHOENIX

320 N. 44th St. | Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
602.225.0500 | [doubletree3.hilton.com](http://doubletree3.hilton.com)

### EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON PHOENIX AIRPORT

2333 E Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016  
(602) 957-1910 | [embassysuites3.hilton.com](http://embassysuites3.hilton.com)

### HILTON GARDEN INN – PHOENIX MIDTOWN

4000 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012  
(602) 279-9811 | [hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com](http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com)

### HAMPTON INN – MIDTOWN

160 W Catalina Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85013  
(602) 200-0990 | [hamptoninn3.hilton.com](http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com)

### BUDGET SUITES

611 W Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85013  
(602) 277-3400 | [budgetsuites.com](http://budgetsuites.com)

### BEST WESTERN PHOENIX I-17 METROCENTER INN

8101 N Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85021  
(602) 864-6233 | [book.bestwestern.com](http://book.bestwestern.com)

### RESIDENCE INN PHOENIX

8242 N Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85051  
(602) 864-1900 | [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

## SHOPPING

### CHRISTOWN SPECTRUM MALL

1703 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85015

### TARGET

Located at Christown Spectrum Mall, 5715 N 19th Ave,  
Phoenix, AZ 85015-2433

### COSTCO

Located at Christown Spectrum Mall, 1646 W Montebello  
Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85015

### BILTMORE FASHION PARK

2502 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016

### WALMART SUPERCENTER

Bethany Towne Center, 6145 N 35th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85017

### METRO CENTER MALL

9617 Metro Parkway West, Phoenix, AZ 85051

### SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE MALL

7014 E. Camelback Rd #590, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

### CVS

3440 W Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85051

## FOOD & DINING

### EL TACO TOTE \$

3464 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85017  
Mexican | [tacotote.com](http://tacotote.com)

### STREETS OF NEW YORK \$\$

7805 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051  
Pizza, Pasta, Subs | [streetsofnewyork.com](http://streetsofnewyork.com)

### GREAT WALL CUISINE \$\$

3446 W. Camelback Rd. #155, Phoenix, AZ 85017  
Chinese

### SUBWAY \$

Camelback Shopping Center, 5020 N 35th Ave #102,  
Phoenix, AZ 85017  
Sandwiches

### CHIPOTLE \$

3039 W Peoria Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029  
Mexican

### OLIVE GARDEN \$\$\$

2710 W. North Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85021  
Italian | [olivegarden.com](http://olivegarden.com)

### AJ'S MONGOLIAN BBQ \$\$

Metro Center Mall, 9620 N Metro Pkwy W,  
Phoenix, AZ 85051  
Mongolian | [ajsmongolianbbq-hub.com](http://ajsmongolianbbq-hub.com)

### RED LOBSTER \$\$\$

10220 N 28th Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85051  
Seafood | [redlobster.com](http://redlobster.com)

### CHIPOTLE \$

1660 E Camelback Rd #185, Phoenix, AZ 85014  
Mexican

### ZOËS KITCHEN \$\$

1641 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Mediterranean

### SMASHBURGER \$

Camelback Colonnade, 1949 E Camelback Rd,  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Hamburgers

### CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN \$\$\$

2400 E. Camelback Rd., Ste. 112, Biltmore Fashion Park,  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Pizza | [cpk.com](http://cpk.com)

### 5 & DINER \$\$

5220 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Retro American | [5anddiner.com](http://5anddiner.com)

### ZIPPS SPORTS GRILL \$

Bethany East Shopping Center, 1515 Bethany Home Rd,  
Phoenix, AZ 85014  
American | [zippsportsgrills.com](http://zippsportsgrills.com)

### TEXAS ROADHOUSE \$\$

Desert Sky Esplanade, 1616 N 75th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85035  
Steakhouse

### MACAYO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT \$\$

Desert Sky Mall, 7829 W Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85033  
Mexican

### APPLEBEE'S \$\$

2 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85012  
American Grill | [restaurants.applebees.com](http://restaurants.applebees.com)

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# POST-GRADUATION RESOURCES

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## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

### What is it?

This free application is used by colleges to determine your eligibility for financial aid from the federal government, including grants, unsubsidized/subsidized student loans and work-study programs. The FAFSA is your first and most important step to getting the money you need to help you pay for college.

### Who is it for?

Anyone! You don't need to be accepted at a school before you can submit your FAFSA. You only need to list the schools to which you have applied.

### Where can I find my FAFSA?

Online applications are available at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

### When should I apply?

ASAP. The sooner you submit your application, the more likely you are to receive financial aid. If you are planning to attend college during the 2016-2017 school year, the federal deadline for online applications is June 30, 2016.

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## SUGGESTED SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

### [Bigfuture.Collegeboard.org](http://Bigfuture.Collegeboard.org)

This not-for-profit membership organization is committed to **connecting students to college success and opportunity**. Find, apply, and enroll in a college that is right for you with this step-by-step guide to all things college, including grants and scholarships.

### [AZfoundation.org](http://AZfoundation.org)

Through the online system, students complete only one application and are matched with **up to 75 different scholarships** for which they qualify.

### [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)

Proud to serve as **the premier online resource** when it comes to paying for school, this site has scholarships for every type of student, from the high school freshmen to the returning adult.

### [Petersons.com](http://Petersons.com)

Visit this college search website to fund your post-secondary education—there's **more than \$8 billion** in scholarship information provided.



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## SUGGESTED SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES (CONTINUED)

### [Zinch.com](#)

With more than 2.5 million members, **\$2 billion in scholarships** and nearly 6,000 schools, this website helps you to connect with the scholarships that fit your student profile.

## JOB SEARCH AND RESUME BUILDING TOOLS

### Maricopa Skill Center (MSC)

Get the education and training you need through the Valley's leading workforce development center. Most programs can be completed in less than a year! Since 1962, MSC has offered a variety of certificates for careers in business, technology, health care, and trades. You will benefit from MSC's small class sizes, self-paced learning, and hands-on classrooms. The center is located at 1245 East Buckeye Road, Phoenix, AZ 85034. For more information, visit [maricopaskillcenter.com](#) or call **602.238.4300**.

### Arizona Career Information System (AzCIS)

Complete career planning exploration, research and goal-setting through this program. AzCIS will help Arizona high school students make better-informed career and school choices. This program is offered through the Arizona Department of Education's Career and Technical Education branch. Go to [azcis.intocareers.org](#) and log-in with **username: primavera05 password: 4azcis02**.

### Job Search Websites ([Jobing.com](#), [Careerbuilder.com](#), [Monster.com](#) and [Indeed.com](#))

Find employers who are looking for a job seeker just like you. These [job board communities and networks](#) can help you find work anywhere in the States while building your resume and online portfolio. From major corporations to small businesses, you have the opportunity to pursue a variety of workplaces and connect with other local job seekers.

### Arizona Workforce Connections

Visit [azjobconnection.gov](#) to access available job postings and workforce events held statewide. There's a listing of job-seeker resources like career counseling, skill assessments, employee rights/laws, training programs, etc.

### LinkedIn

This social media channel is similar to Facebook, but for professional purposes. Create your online profile and start networking with your friends, colleagues, and family members. People from all over the world join this community.

More and more recruiters use [LinkedIn.com](#) as a way to fill available positions at their company—you could be next!