

SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT PARKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATES AND GUESTS

Traditional Ceremonies, April 25 – 26

Below you will find resources and helpful tips regarding travel to and from Grand Canyon University, as well as parking on campus. It's recommended to check traffic and construction information at az511.gov or by calling 888-411-ROAD (7623).

TRAVEL

Please note, ground student classes will be in session and resident students will be moving out during this time. Traffic to and on campus may be exceptionally busy. Please plan accordingly. For a map of Commencement and Move Out entrances, please click [here](#).

Travel time varies based on your location in Phoenix. The following are estimated commute times to campus. Please allow 30 – 45 minutes of additional time for parking, as well as walking to and entering GCU Arena.

- Coming from East Valley (Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler): 45 minutes to an hour
- Coming from Northeast Valley (Scottsdale): 30 to 45 minutes
- Coming from West Valley: 20 minutes

PARKING

9 am Ceremony

Parking is available at the 33rd Avenue garage (3300 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85017), located next to GCU Arena. We ask that those traveling **northbound on I-17** exit at Camelback Road to 33rd Avenue. Those traveling **southbound on I-17** should exit at Bethany Home Road to 35th Avenue, travel south on 35th Avenue and then travel east on Camelback Road to the 33rd Avenue garage.

Those traveling westbound on Camelback Road, please stay in the center travel lane until you have passed 29th Ave. Elect to use the immediate curb lane after 29th Ave, to help the flow of event traffic for both campus move-out and commencement.

Additional parking will be located at the 31st Avenue garage (3050 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix AZ, 85017). Please note, GCU Arena will be enforcing a clear bag policy. Storage for personal belongings will not be available.

2 pm Ceremonies

Parking is located at Grand Canyon Education's (GCE) business center, located at 5115 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85017. When parking, guests and graduates should look for the courtesy bus shuttle pickup location. The bus shuttles will run up until the start of the ceremony and for one hour after the ceremony concludes. Bus shuttles are needed from this parking location to the university. No balloons or baby strollers will be allowed on the bus shuttles. Please note, GCU Arena will be enforcing a clear bag policy. Storage for personal belongings will not be available.

We ask that those traveling **northbound on I-17** pass Camelback Road and exit at Bethany Home Road, one mile north of Camelback Road, turn westbound onto the access road (Black Canyon Highway) traveling southbound, turn westbound at Colter Road and left at the GCE guard entrance to be directed to park. We ask that those traveling **southbound on I-17** exit at Bethany Home Road to 27th Avenue, travel south on 27th Avenue and then follow signs to turn east into the complex entrance to be directed to park.

7 pm Ceremonies

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Phoenix police officers will be directing traffic during the ceremony. Depending upon traffic flow and available parking, traffic officers may direct you to an alternate parking location.

If you will be arriving to campus via rideshare: The rideshare drop-off and pickup location address is 3000 W. Colter St., Phoenix, AZ 85017.

Handicapped parking is located in our 33rd Avenue garage. Please have your handicapped plaque displayed, so traffic officers can help direct you accordingly.

Vehicles parked in non-designated parking areas on private property may be subject to towing and impoundment at the owner's expense.

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