Commencement Week Is Here!!!

This week’s UH Grad Chronicle covers information pertaining to traffic expectations and inclement weather preparation for the Commencement celebration to be held on Friday, May 15, at TDECU Stadium.

**Traffic:** We continue to advise you and your guests to arrive by 4:30 p.m. to avoid as much of the traffic as possible. There are several non-commencement activities going on in the area and we anticipate auto and pedestrian traffic to be heavier than normal. **Traffic and parking across campus will be impacted all day long at all surface lots and all garages.**

- Holman Street will be partially closed from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- The southbound lanes of Cullen Boulevard will be closed from Elgin to Cougar Place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- If you leave campus after 3 p.m., please expect delays.
- We have arranged for shuttles to work the outlying parking lots on the eastside of campus. Please let your guests know that no matter where they end up parking they will have to walk at least part of the way. **Sensible shoes are highly recommended!**

**Weather:** The UH Commencement Celebration will take place rain or shine. The Emergency Management Team is monitoring the weather situation, but guests should come prepared. Please be advised that umbrellas are not allowed to be brought into TDECU Stadium.

- If severe and threatening weather arises after the seating opens at 5 p.m., graduates and their guests may be instructed to seek shelter in nearby buildings. Event staff will direct graduates and their guests to the nearest building. If this occurs while graduates, banner bearers and faculty marshals are gathered in the marshaling assembly areas, staff will guide procession participants to designated buildings for shelter.
- In both circumstances, the start of the program may be delayed. If possible and as conditions allow, the program would resume. As it is known, information will be relayed to graduates and their guests.
- Ponchos will be provided for all graduates participating in the celebration. They will be handed out during line-up.

Continue to stay informed! If you haven’t already watched the Commencement safety video, please do so now and share it with your guests – [www.uh.edu/commencement/safety-video](http://www.uh.edu/commencement/safety-video). Remember to read the UH Grad Chronicle and visit the Commencement website – [www.uh.edu/commencement](http://www.uh.edu/commencement) – for current information on all things “Commencement”.

**Until next time!**

*The Grad Squad*