

ASHFORD

INSIDE COMMENCEMENT

400 N. Bluff Blvd., Clinton, IA

Hello Commencement Ceremony Participants!

Congratulations on making it to commencement. You have come a long way. The October 2013 commencement ceremony is just around the corner!

All students, both graduate and undergraduate, will attend the same ceremony which will take place at the iWireless Center at 1201 River Drive, Moline, IL 61265 on Sunday, October 13, 2013.

The day before the commencement ceremony, Saturday, October 12, you, your family, and your friends are invited to the Ashford Commencement Celebration at the Ashford University campus. This special family occasion will feature numerous fun events. The schedule of events for the entire commencement weekend are on the following pages, as well as general information for the events. We look forward to celebrating with you in October.

Sincerely,

Ashford University
Commencement Committee

Please be aware that should severe inclement weather require changes to the events, students will be notified by text message (if they signed up for the service while ordering their regalia) or by email. To opt-in, please visit http://www.marchingorder.com/graduate/grad_login.asp.

Please note: By being present at the events held throughout commencement weekend, you release Ashford University from all claims regarding the use of your likeness and/or image in any print or electronic media including, but not limited to, video, television, and

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013 CAMPUS CELEBRATION

Food, fun, and friends await you at the Ashford Campus Celebration! The Saturday before commencement will be jam-packed with activities for all ages! For complete details, see page 3.

11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013 COMMENCEMENT

Ashford University's Commencement ceremony will take place at the iWireless Center in Moline, IL. The undergraduate and graduate ceremonies are combined. Check-in and ceremony times apply to all students.

8:00 AM GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE CHECK-IN

10:00 AM PROCESSIONAL

2:00 PM RECESSIONAL (TIME IS APPROXIMATE)

Ticketing

Tickets will not be issued for the event. Instead, we will offer open seating. Seating in the arena will be limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Honors Regalia

Students who have not completed their courses prior to the ceremony weekend will have their degrees evaluated two (2) weeks prior to the ceremony to determine if they qualify for University honors. If qualifications are met as of that review, temporary honors will be awarded to the student and will be recognized at the ceremony. Any student who has earned honors or has been temporarily awarded honors will receive their regalia when they check in the morning of the ceremony. This group includes students who have been inducted into honor societies (Alpha Sigma Lambda, Golden Key, SALUTE or Phi Theta Kappa) and/or students earning University honor designations (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude). For students who have previously inducted into an honor society, there is no additional cost for honors regalia. Students may not join societies the day of the ceremony. Actual honors earned are listed on official University transcripts.



Commencement Rehearsal

Due to so many students traveling from out of state to attend commencement, we will not hold a rehearsal for the ceremony. For your convenience, we have created a commencement rehearsal video that you may view to answer many of your questions and to explain how the events will proceed.

[Please click here to view the Rehearsal Video](#)

Honor Societies Meet & Greet Event

Members of Ashford Honor Societies are cordially invited to a private Meet & Greet on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, in Durgin Educational Center at the Ashford Campus. Come and enjoy refreshments, photography opportunities, and meet with other society members from around the world!

Members belonging to the following Honor Societies are invited:

- Alpha Sigma Lambda
- Golden Key
- SALUTE
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Ashford Junior-Senior Honor Society
- Mu Sigma Eta
- Scholars Institute
- Sigma Tau Delta

College Meet & Greet Events

**College of Education and
College of Liberal Arts**

11:00 am - 11:45 am
Durgin Educational Center

**College of Business and Professional
Studies and College of Health,
Human Services, and Science**

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Durgin Educational Center

Saturday, October 12 Details

The Ashford Campus Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 12, with main celebration events taking place at Ashford University Campus located at 400 North Bluff Blvd., Clinton, IA 52732. This fun-filled festival will be packed with plenty to do for the entire family including campus tours, various events, food, a kids' play zone, photo opportunities, faculty meet and greets, and more!

Time	Event	Location
11:00 am - 3:30 pm	Bookstore Sale	Bookstore, Student Lounge, and Clare's Corner
11:00 am - 3:30 pm	Future Achievers Fun Zone	St. Francis Hall
11:00 am - 3:30 pm	Cafeteria Open	Cafeteria
11:00 am - 3:30 pm	Campus Tours	Outside of Durgin Educational Center
11:00 am - 3:30 pm	Information Booth	St. Clare's Information Desk
11:00 am - 11:45 am	College of Education and College of Liberal Arts Meet & Greet	Kehl Arena
12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm	Take a Photo with Champ	12:00 pm - St. Francis Gym 1:00 pm - Cortona Gallery 2:00 pm - Kehl Arena
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Ashford History Presentation	Mullany Theatre
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Honor Societies Meet & Greet	Kehl Arena
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	College of Business and Professional Studies and College of Health, Human Services, and Science Meet & Greet	Kehl Arena
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Ashford History Presentation	Mullany Theatre
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Take a Photo with Dr. Pattenaude, Ashford's President	Cortona Gallery
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Rest Area	Kehl Arena



Designated Rest Areas Clare's Corner, Old Bookstore, Chapel, Library (ADA Lounge).

Student Bookstore Sale

Don't forget to make a stop at the Ashford University Student Bookstore to purchase the latest Ashford University gear, upgrade your diploma frames, select an Ashford sweatshirt, and more! The main campus store will be open on Saturday, October 12 from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. On Sunday, October 13, two satellite stores will be open at the iWireless Center prior to and during the ceremony. Please note that the selection at the satellite stores will be limited due to their locations. If you wish to see the full inventory of items for sale, please visit the campus bookstore during the day on Saturday.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 - PARKING AND SHUTTLES

Beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 12, satellite parking locations will be available for those guests who do not require special accommodations. Please park at Ashford University Field, 91 6th Ave N, Clinton, IA 52732.

Shuttle buses will run from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm in a loop from the satellite parking location to the Ashford University main campus and back to the satellite location. Please look for the signs that identify the Ashford University shuttle and parking locations.

NOTE: Traffic to and from all events can be very congested. Please take this point into consideration when planning travel arrangements. It could take 30 minutes to an hour to catch a shuttle to your car and navigate out of the parking locations.

Special Accommodation Parking

Beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 12, special accommodation parking will be available for those students and guests with state issued disabled parking placards. The special accommodation parking lots will be located at the Ashford Campus (**400 North Bluff Blvd., Clinton, IA 52732**).

Guests with mobility impairments who do not possess a state issued disabled parking placard may utilize the designated guest drop off/pick up areas at both locations in order to mitigate walk and wait times to and from parking shuttles for individuals that require it. The driver of the car must then park at one of the standard parking lots mentioned above.



Questions?

We hope that this newsletter answers a lot of your questions. Please also visit ashford.edu/student_services/graduation.htm for more details on traveling to Iowa, local hotel information, rental car discounts, and much more.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email graduation.information@ashford.edu. You may also call 866.974.5700 x 6044.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - PLANNING FOR YOUR CEREMONY

Protocol for Receiving Diploma Covers on Stage

For all colleges, the Dean of the College will announce each degree one at a time. When called, candidates will rise and file to the right or left of the stage depending on where they are seated. Once on the stage, candidates will hand their information cards to an Ashford representative, who will scan their card. The student's name will be announced over the loud speakers in the arena. The candidates then proceed to Dr. Richard Pattenauode or Dr. Rebecca Wardlow, University President and University Provost, respectively, to shake hands and receive their diploma cover. Undergraduates will move their tassel from the right to left side of their cap before they leave the stage. All candidates then exit the stage from the front center steps and proceed down the center aisle back to their original seat.

Please note: Diplomas will not be issued at the ceremony. Diplomas will be ordered and mailed to your address on file upon completion of all degree requirements and payment of any outstanding balance due to the University.

Appropriate Commencement Attire

Women should wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks with appropriate tops. Men should wear collared shirts, neckties, and dress slacks. Please wear dark comfortable shoes. Ladies, black pumps are the most appropriate footwear for commencement dress, but please know that you may be standing for long periods of time. Any jackets or sweaters must be worn under the commencement gown. Mortar boards should be worn with the point above your nose and flat so that the square part is level. Master's candidates should have their tassels on the left side. Bachelor's candidates wear tassels on the right side. Candidates may not carry any personal items in the processional, including cell phones, video cameras, and other electronic devices. No security is provided for these items if left unattended. Proper decorum is expected of all participants.

Special Accommodations

Graduates requiring accommodation for a disability should contact the Office of Student Access and Wellness at campusaccess@ashford.edu a minimum of two weeks prior to the ceremony in order to ensure all requests may be met. Special seating areas will be designated for guests who are pregnant, elderly, or who have disabilities. Please have guests arrive early to ensure they are able to access the designated seating area and have them notify event staff that they are a guest needing special seating. A limited number of assistive listening devices, large print programs, and programs in Braille will be available upon request.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PARKING

Commencement Ceremony Parking

Beginning at 6:00 am on Sunday, October 13, the parking structures surrounding the iWireless Center will be available for ceremony parking. A special accommodation parking lot will be available for those students and guests with state issued disabled parking placards. This lot is located on River Drive, immediately west of the center. Guests with mobility impairments who do not possess a state issued disabled parking placard may utilize the designated guest drop off/pick up area located in the front of the center in order to mitigate walk and wait times to and from parking shuttles for individuals that require it. The driver of the car must then park at one of the standard parking structures mentioned above. Street parking in the area surrounding the Center is also available.

NOTE: Traffic to and from the event can be very congested. Please take this point into consideration when planning travel arrangements. It could take 30 minutes to an hour to exit the parking structures after the ceremony.

Things to Do in Clinton, IA

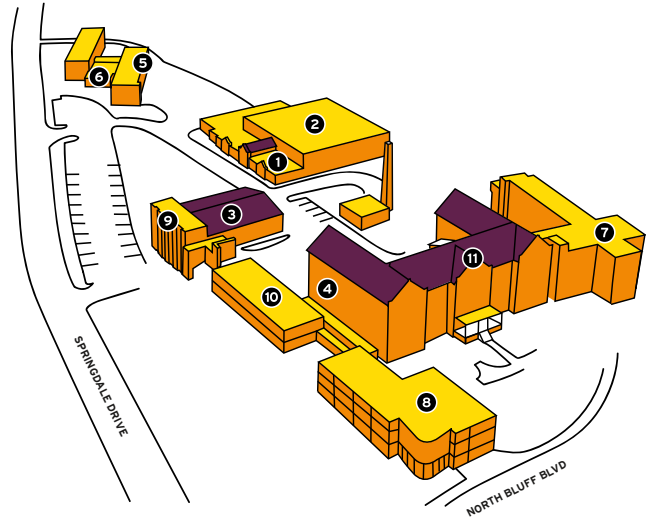
Wondering what to do or where to eat while you are in Clinton for the weekend? Visit the [Clinton Convention & Visitors Bureau website](#) for everything you need to know to make your stay in Clinton a great one. From the website you can find a list of attractions, restaurants or can even request a free Visitors Guide to be sent to you. Enjoy!

Photography and Video

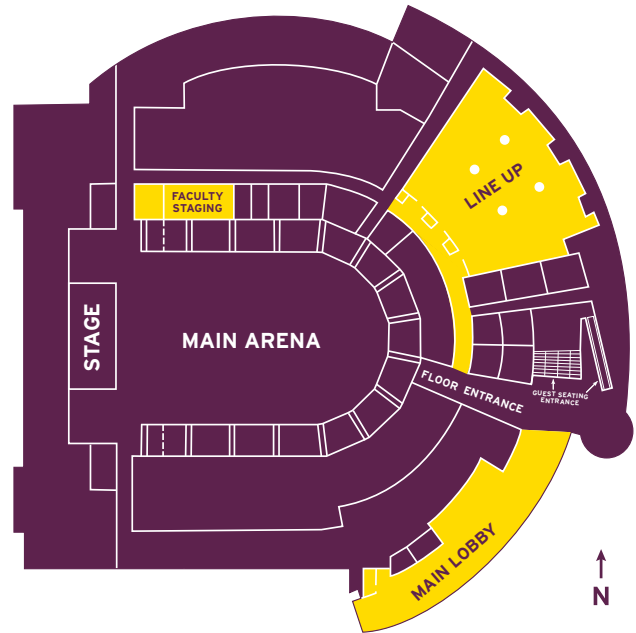
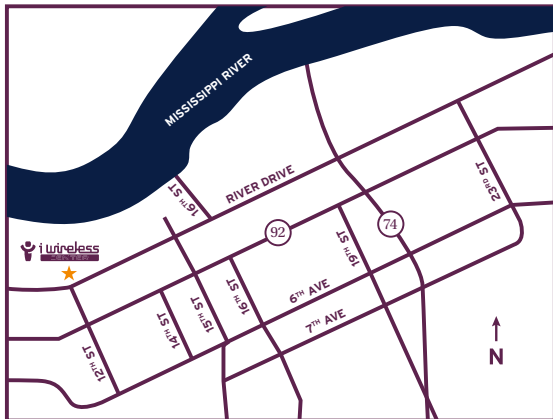
Color photographs of graduates will be taken during the ceremony by a commercial photography service. To pre-order a DVD, visit <http://www.rauschproductions.com/AshfordDVD/Default.aspx>. DVDs of the event will be available for pre-purchase at the ceremony. Also, a purchase link will be emailed to students after the ceremony.

SATURDAY CELEBRATION MAP (ASHFORD CAMPUS)

- ❶ Durgin Educational Center
- ❷ Kehl Arena
- ❸ St. Francis Hall / Bookstore
- ❹ Mullany Theatre
- ❺ Durham Hall
- ❻ Durham Student Lounge
- ❼ Regis Hall
- ❽ Ladd Science Building
- ❾ Admissions Office
- ❿ Library
- ⓫ St. Clare Hall & Cafeteria



SUNDAY COMMENCEMENT MAPS (iWireless)



The skywalk connecting the iWireless Center to the MetroLINK parking ramp is now open during the ceremony. Check-In is located in the MetroLINK Parking Ramp, at the skywalk level. This garage is on the corner of River Drive and 12th Street. Students can access the arena concourse directly from the ramp.

You've
EARNED IT!

CONGRATULATIONS OCTOBER 2013
ASHFORD UNIVERSITY GRADUATES!



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