

Undergraduate Rain Plan

If thunderstorms or heavy rain would occur on Saturday, May 6, 2017, a decision will be made on Friday May 5, 2017, as to whether Commencement should move indoors. This decision will be broadcast onsite, on UNCP's Emergency Information Hotline (910.521.6888), and on the University's homepage at www.uncp.edu.

Should Commencement move indoors, three abbreviated graduation ceremonies will occur at the Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC). Those times and groups are outlined below.

9:00 a.m. – College of Arts and Sciences graduates receiving Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music. This includes graduates from the following departments: American Indian Studies; Art; English, Theatre and Foreign Languages; History; Music; Philosophy and Religion; Political Science and Public Administration; and, Sociology and Criminal Justice

10:30 a.m. – College of Arts and Sciences graduates receiving Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Social Work. This includes graduates from the following departments: Biology; Chemistry and Physics; Geology and Geography; Mass Communication; Mathematics and Computer Science; Nursing; Psychology; and Social Work.

12 Noon – Schools of Business and Education graduates will receive their diplomas. This includes graduates from the following schools and department: Business, Education, and Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, along with the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS).

The 9:00 a.m. ceremony will include presentation of honorary degree.

The 10:30 a.m. ceremony will include presentation of UNC BOG Teaching Award of Excellence

Abbreviated ceremonies will recognize those on platform party but (BOG-BOT-Faculty Senate-Staff-Student) would not bring greetings. Exception will be honorary degree and UNC BOG Teaching Award.

Abbreviated ceremony would not include the commencement address.

Receptions for each of the exercises will be held in the University Center Annex immediately following the ceremony.

Graduates waiting for their abbreviated college or school's graduation ceremony will be asked to wait in the auxiliary gym of the Jones Athletic Center until it is time for them to process to GPAC. Family and friends of the College of Arts and Sciences (Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music) will go directly to GPAC. Family and friends of the College of Arts and Sciences (Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Social Work) and the Schools of Business and Education will be asked to wait in the main gym until they are called to GPAC.

In lieu of a processional, faculty will sit in their designated area in GPAC prior to the start of each abbreviated Commencement. Faculty will not recess out but will remain standing during student recessional.

Platform party would process from side of stage (design shop) and not recess off stage.

Students would recess out of GPAC first at end of each ceremony being led by faculty marshals.

Should you have any questions about the rain plan described above, please contact Leslie Bell in the Office of Academic Affairs at 910.521.6760.