

# ACADEMY OF ARTS, CAREERS, AND TECHNOLOGY

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To the Parents/Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

This letter contains **very important information** regarding AACT seniors and what will be expected of them in the weeks leading to graduation. Below is a calendar of events for your convenience.

## FINALS SCHEDULE

Finals will take place June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>.

- June 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday- **2\* & 3\*** (this day will be a regular day)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Friday- **6\* & 7\*** (this day will be a regular day)
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Monday **1\* & 5\*** (half day, 12pm release)
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday- **4\* & 8\*** (half day, 12pm release)
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday- **Make up Finals Day (half day, 12pm release)- waiting for decision**

## Calendar of Events

- **May 20<sup>th</sup>**: Prom, Las Cascadas Reno - 7-10pm
- **May 24<sup>th</sup>**: Capstone Presentations and Cap & Gown Distribution 2:30-7:00
- **May 31<sup>st</sup>**: Scholarship & Awards Night, AACT Commons 6-7:30 pm
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Compass Assembly (during school day)
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Grad trip to Six Flags, check in @ 3pm, expected to return 6/3 around 7-8am. Final payments due 5/6. *\*Seniors attending the Senior trip, please bring your items for the trip to school.\**
- **June 9<sup>th</sup>**: Senior Sunset, 5-8 pm, AACT front lawn, handprints on back hallway, graduation ticket package pick up including 10 guest tickets & 3 parking passes (must be signed for by student). Please see more information regarding tickets/parking passes under "Graduation Ceremony".
- **June 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**: Finals (*please see schedule above*)
- **June 12<sup>th</sup>**: Graduation rehearsal 12:30pm in the AACT restaurant. **\*\*MANDATORY** for all graduates\*\*
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>**: Graduates arrive with robe & graduation regalia, doors open at 11:30am. Graduates should arrive no later than 11:15am to start lining up. The graduation procession will start promptly at: 12:15pm.

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## FINES/BOOKS

**All fines, fees, and other debts owed to the school must be paid on or before June 9th.**

Seniors must check with the bookkeeper to see if they have any outstanding fees. If a PE and/or culinary locker was assigned this year, they must be cleaned out and checked out by the teacher. Any **books and/or technology must be returned** in accordance with the teacher requested date and no later than June 9th. Book deposits of \$20.00 will be refunded to Seniors that have returned books, technology and have no unpaid fees, at the graduation.

## GRADUATION PRACTICE

**When and Where:** Graduation rehearsal will be held Monday June 12th 12:30pm at AACT HS.

**\*\*All graduating students must attend practice on Monday the 12th \*\***

## GRADUATION CEREMONY

### **Guest Ticket/Parking Pass Information:**

***Students/Families will need to request the number of tickets/passes they need using the following link to a Microsoft Form, Due by May 26:***

**<https://forms.office.com/r/U6kRpRsK83>**

Access to this link will also be sent out through a Connect-Ed email, on the school website, via the AACT Facebook page, and the AACT Instagram Page.

Once you have requested the number of tickets /parking passes needed, they will be placed in an envelope and passed out at Senior Sunset. Students must pick up their own tickets and will be requested to sign for their tickets. If unable to pick up at Senior Sunset, students or their parents may pick up tickets from the admin. office. Again, packets must be signed for. There will be no exceptions.

### **Parking:**

\* Graduates will be given 3 parking passes to be used for themselves and guests. Please park in the West parking garage -- right next to Lawlor -- there will be no charge. The first floor is reserved for staff, school board, and other school district staff. Prepare to arrive early: traffic, construction, and road closures are all issues. Parking for guests with disabilities will be available on the bottom floor of the West Stadium Complex. A parking pass must accompany each vehicle. Guests must have their ceremony tickets to enter the parking lot. There will be visible signage.

\*Taxi/Uber drop off will be located on the Virginia Street turn lane at 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

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## **Access:**

**\*Only AACT Graduates** will be allowed to enter through the south tunnel. Graduates are asked to limit personal belongings as Lawlor and WCSD will not be responsible for lost/missing items. Graduates will not be allowed to bring in outside food or drink. Water will be provided in the ready rooms.

**\*Graduate Guests:** Graduation will be held at Lawlor Events Center, Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. Families and invited guests can enter Lawlor via the upper concourse at doors 22 and 36. Doors will open at 11:15am.

## **\*Nevada Wolfpack Venue Bag Policy:**

**The University of Nevada, Reno has implemented a new policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events in an effort to provide a safer environment for the public and expedite entry into athletic venues.**

**For more information:** <https://www.unr.edu/lawlor/visit/bag-policy>

Families and guests will not be permitted beyond the upper concourse. Plan to meet your student outside the upper concourse after the ceremony. No food or drink will be allowed inside Lawlor.

**\*Disabled guests** may access through the South Entrance and use the elevator to the concourse level to find seating. Individuals with mobility impairment or adaptive devices will be allowed one guest to accompany them in the disabled seating area.

**Seating:** Graduates will be **limited to 10** guests. Each graduate will be assigned 10 guest tickets for admittance into the stadium as well as seating. As a courtesy to all, each graduate's family may save no more than ten (10) ticketed seats upon arrival at Lawlor Events Center. Seats may be saved until the start of the ceremony. At that time, any open seats may no longer be saved and are open to all.

Tickets will be available for student pick up June 9<sup>th</sup> during Senior Sunset, student signature will be required.

**\*\*A live feed of the graduation ceremony** will be available for guests that are unable to attend.

Link below/:

[6-14-2023 WCSD AACT High School Graduation 2023 - YouTube](#)

(The link will also be available on the AACT website)

**Caps and Gowns:** The student's gown should be neatly pressed with a cool iron or steamer prior to arrival at Lawlor Events Center. The tassel on the cap is worn over the left eye at the beginning of the ceremony. Only approved cords, medals, and sashes may be worn outside of the student's cap and gown. Please see Mr. Gifford with questions regarding cords/sashes. Final approval of cords/sashes will be given at graduation practice on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**Expected Attire:** For graduation, semi-formal is recommended. High heels are not recommended as walking up the stairs of the stage can be troublesome. Wedge heels or flats are suggested. If you have a question about this expectation, please see Mr. Gifford for approval.

**Graduation Photos:** Bell Photo will be on site to photograph each graduate. Seniors will receive information on how to order upon pick up of their diploma.

**Graduation Behavior:** Participating in the graduation ceremony is **not** a right; it is a privilege. Students who do not behave according to expectations can face immediate removal from the graduation ceremony. Should a student be found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the ceremony, he or she will be **denied the opportunity to participate in the ceremony** and will be turned over to authorities. Diplomas will not be issued to these students but will be issued to the parent(s) at a conference with the school principal, to be requested by the parent(s) and held within 30 days after graduation.

**Demeanor of Spectators:** This is a formal ceremony. The graduates request that all spectators, parents, family, and friends behave in an appropriate manner, respectful of their accomplishments. Beach balls, balloons, confetti, lighters, signs, air horns, and/or any other noisemakers or distractors are expressly forbidden.

We hope this information has been helpful to you. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mike Gifford  
Principal