



DONALD AND BARBARA
ZUCKER SCHOOL of MEDICINE
AT HOFSTRA/NORTHWELL

2026 COMMENCEMENT GRADUATE INFORMATION

Dear Class of 2026:

Congratulations! After years of hard work and determination, you have achieved your goal of earning your medical degree from the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. We are excited to celebrate this milestone moment with you, your family, and friends.

This brochure highlights some of the Commencement details that you may find helpful.

We will continue to send out additional information as we get closer to graduation. In the meantime if there are any questions or if we can assist you in any way, please reach out to the Office of Student Affairs at 516-463-7347 or medicine.students@hofstra.edu

We appreciate your patience as we work to support you during the completion of your journey. Once again, congratulations on your graduation from the Zucker School of Medicine!

COMMENCEMENT GUESTS

Guests are encouraged to arrive early and travel light. **Doors will open starting at 1:15pm.**

All guests entering the Arena will be subject to routine security measures, including metal detector screening and bag searches. The Arena does not provide an area to store bags, coats, or other personal belongings.

Faculty, VIPs, and family hooders will be seated in designated sections and will receive additional instructions from the Office of Student Affairs as we get closer to graduation. Seating for all other guests are first come first served.

For guests in need of assistance or using wheelchairs or walkers, please notify the Office of Student Affairs in advance. On graduation day, please drive up the circular driveway by the main entrance to drop these individuals off. There is also handicapped parking across from the Arena main entrance. The Arena is wheelchair accessible on the main level and will be available for guests requiring this area. One family member may accompany those with special needs in this area during the ceremony. Upon entrance to the Arena, please contact an usher who will be happy to escort you.

Should your guests need to arrange hotel reservations, visit hofstra.edu/hotels for a list of local hotels that offer special rates for Hofstra University.

DIPLOMA

The Office of Student Records will distribute your official diplomas.

Only students with all grades submitted can receive their diplomas. The Office of Student Records will notify you if your diploma will be mailed to you or be available for pickup.

Please note: Diplomas cannot be picked up by family members, and students must sign for their diplomas.

CEREMONY INFORMATION

The 2026 Zucker School of Medicine Commencement ceremony will be held on **Monday, May 11th, at 2 p.m.** at the **David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex** (Arena), North Campus.

The ceremony will last approximately 2 hours.



LIVESTREAM

Coming Soon to
Commencement 2026
website!

RECEPTION

After the ceremony, please join us at the Zucker School of Medicine for a reception with light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE DISTRIBUTION

Academic attire. The Office of Student Affairs will distribute these to you. Honor cords (if applicable) and academic attire for family hooders (if applicable) will be distributed with your graduation attire. The academic attire is yours to keep after the ceremony. However, family hooders need to return their rental attire after the ceremony.

Your academic attire includes: a robe (with green velvet for MDs and blue for PhDs on the sleeves and down the front), a hood, a 6-pointed tam (hat) and a short tassel. If you are missing anything after receiving your attire, please contact the Office of Student Affairs immediately.

Please hang your attire in advance to release the wrinkles. We ask that you come to the ceremony fully dressed in your attire. For guidance on how to properly dress for Commencement, please [watch this short video](#).

Please wear any pins (such as EMT, GHHS, Healers Art, IMPACcT) that you have received during your tenure here on your left chest. We encourage you to put on any cords, meals or pins prior to the ceremony starting.

GRADUATE PROCESSION ASSEMBLY

All graduates will participate in the commencement procession. **Please report to the Physical Education Building (PEB) in academic attire no later than 1pm on Monday, May 11th.** Guests will not be permitted in the PEB with graduates.

Please leave any personal belongings in your car or with your guests. We will not be able to store your items and you cannot process in with personal belongings.

During the staging period, we will be taking several group photos and be giving last minute instructions. You will then line up and get ready to process to the Arena. The ceremony will start promptly at 2pm.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

For parking and directions to the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex (Arena), Zucker School of Medicine, and the Physical Education Building (PEB), please refer to the [Commencement Invitation and Campus Map](#).



SOCIAL MEDIA

We invite you to participate in our social media celebration.

Please tag the Zucker School of Medicine (@ZuckerSoM) in social media posts and use the following hashtags (#ZuckerGrad, #ZuckerSoMoments, and #ZuckerMedMilestones).