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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Class of 2019 proudly announces this year's graduation! The ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 7, 2019 at 4:00PM at the Yuengling Center (formerly known as the USF SunDome)**. Though the ceremony begins at 4:00PM, students must report to the venue by 3:00PM. In order to uphold the dignity of our graduation ceremony and to meet increased security requirements, the following procedures will be followed by the Yuengling Center and the Pasco County School District:

1. Attendance at the Graduation Practices and Senior Check-out are mandatory. They will be held in our school's gymnasium on **Tuesday & Wednesday, May 28 & 29, 2019** during the school day. Any student who does not attend rehearsal may not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
2. Students will be receiving a final notice of debts that must be cleared on the first day of practice, Tuesday, May 28. The cap and gown will be distributed at the end of the practices. All debts must be resolved prior to receiving these items, the medallion, and the diploma and cover.
3. Since the Graduation Practices and Check-out are happening during a regular school day, **students must be dressed according to the Pasco County School District Dress Code. We will follow normal procedures for students out of dress code, and this may jeopardize their participation in graduation.**
4. Parking lots at the Yuengling Center charge \$5.00 for parking. We recommend carpooling and having the correct amount of cash on hand to give the attendant.
5. Graduates must carry their caps and gowns into the Yuengling Center as a visual search will be conducted by security personnel. Graduates may put their gowns on after they have entered the building. Additionally, they should not bring anything else with them except their caps and gowns. This includes purses and bags. Graduates should enter and go immediately to the entry that is marked for graduates (Gate A near the USF Store).
6. Tickets are not required for entry. For seating, your party should arrive at the same time if you want to sit together. There is a limited amount of handicapped seating. Groups may be separated in these areas.
7. All guests with their belongings are subject to being searched by security staff. No backpacks, or other similar bags, will be permitted. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases.
8. Balloons, signs, noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles and air horns), or laser pointers will **NOT** be allowed in the venue.
9. Concessions may be open before the ceremony begins. Only guests can purchase food and drinks. These items are not allowed within the seating for the graduates.
10. Hearing-impaired services are available. Please contact Mrs. Doohen, Assistant Principal, if you need this service.
11. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will first have to pick up their diplomas following the ceremony in the area reserved for graduates, then will be able to meet at a spot immediately following this process.

Students will be informed by their guidance counselor if their graduation status changes. If a student is no longer eligible to graduate per the standards set by the State of Florida and the School District of Pasco County, then he/she will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our graduation ceremony a memorable event for our graduates and their guests. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation, please contact Mrs. Doohen at (813)794-9400 or e-mail tdoohen@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Ric Mellin