

November 1, 2023

Dear 50th Anniversary Class,

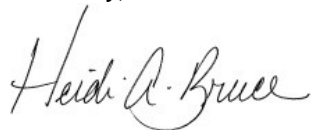
It is with great pleasure that I extend this invitation to attend and participate in the **2024 Morgan State University Commencement** ceremony taking place on **Saturday, May 18, 2024** in honor of your 50th anniversary.

As is tradition, class members that wish to participate in the academic procession must be wearing a gold cap & gown. Any regalia outside of this will not be permitted; however, stoles may be personalized (i.e., Greek letter organizations, honor society, etc.). Enclosed is an order form for the cap, gown, and basic stole; academic cords are optional. Not all majors are listed for the cords; but protocol dictates that the color of a related major may be used (e.g., chemistry, biology, and mathematics may all use the color for science).

It is my hope that you will be able to attend and participate in our 2024 commencement program. To make things a bit easier, enclosed you will find materials for ordering the gold cap & gown, a list of hotels, class agent list, and some FAQs. Class agents will be provided with information as it becomes available. Please review the enclosed information in its entirety; the information provided addresses a lot of questions regarding the event.

Once again, we are excited to share this milestone with you at the National Treasure and look forward to hosting you on this momentous occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi A. Bruce". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Heidi A. Bruce, MBA, CFRM
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations & Strategic Engagement

**50th ANNIVERSARY CAP & GOWN
CUSTOM ACADEMIC REGALIA ORDER FORM
Morgan State University**

ORDER FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 AT 5:00pm EST. Forms received after the deadline will not be fulfilled. Any questions, please contact Alison Hillen at alison.hillen@morgan.edu or 443-885-3015.

SOLD TO (complete all fields)	
Name	
Telephone Number	
E-mail	
Class year	

50th ANNIVERSARY GOWN	
Height:	
Weight:	
Cap Size: Select one	
Regular (will fit most)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extra Large	<input type="checkbox"/>

OPTION (please check one)	
Cap/Gown/Stole—\$90.98	<input type="checkbox"/>
w/Custom Cord—\$100.96	<input type="checkbox"/>

SHIPPING (out-of-state only; no international)	
Provide shipping address where indicated: \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEGREE CORD (list attached)

TOTAL:	<input type="text"/>
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PAYMENT INFORMATION (credit cards only) ****NOTE: Cards will not be charged immediately; may be up to 8 weeks before cards are charged. Charge will be from B&N/MSUBookstore.*****			
Name on Card	Card number	Expiration date	CVC
Mailing Address (for card/shipping)	City	State	Zip

Completed forms should be mailed directly to the Alumni House attn: 50th Anniversary Class and must be **RECEIVED by Friday, February 23, 2024**. For security of personal information, **FORMS SHOULD NOT BE EMAILED**.

**MSU Alumni Association
Alumni House
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21251**

Frequently Asked Questions

50th anniversary class commencement participation
Saturday, May 18, 2024

ACADEMIC REGALIA

1. Can members of the anniversary class wear their own/alternate academic regalia?

No. Formal academic regalia is reserved for the faculty, graduates, and honorary degree recipients per the policies of the university leadership and the commencement committee.

2. Is it possible to be a part of the procession without the gold cap & gown?

No. Participation in the official commencement procession requires the gold cap & gown.

3. Can I purchase the cap & gown with a check?

No. The bookstore no longer accepts checks. The fastest way is to mail the form back with credit card information; or bring your completed form to the Alumni House.

4. When should I order my cap/gown packet?

The orders are due by 5:00PM on Friday, February 23, 2024. Any orders received after that date will not be accepted – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

5. When will my credit card be charged for this purchase?

Your credit card will not be charged until the MSU Bookstore orders the cap/gown packets. This could be as long as 8 weeks from when the order is submitted because the packets are ordered in bunches. The charge will be from the B&N/MSUBookstore. Please retain a copy of your order form for reference when the charge appears on your statement.

6. Can I have my cap & gown packet shipped directly to me?

Yes, residents outside of the State of Maryland may have their packet shipped. In-state residents must pick up their packets at the Alumni House. The dates and times for pick-up will be given to the class agents when packets begin to arrive. International shipping is not available.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

7. Is there accommodation/assistance available to participate and/or attend the ceremony?

Yes. Please notify the Office of Alumni Relations of your request no later than May 3. Call the office at 443-885-3015 or send an email to alumni@morgan.edu. You will receive a callback/confirmation within 48 business hours.

8. What time does commencement start?

Commencement begins promptly at 10:00 AM; this means everyone in in their seats by 9:55 AM. Those wishing to walk in the procession must be lined up in the University Student Center no later than 9:15 AM. The procession will begin at exactly 9:25am. Once the procession starts, it will continue until completed without stopping. Check the MSU Commencement website (commencement.morgan.edu) after the new year for updates on the spring ceremony.

9. Is there storage available for personal belongings?

No. If you are participating in the procession you must follow the university's policy for approved bags to carry into Hughes Stadium. Morgan State University, faculty, staff, or students will not be able to secure your personal items. Large bags, knapsacks, or totes will not be permitted inside the event. NO EXCEPTIONS.

LODGING

10. Does Morgan have a hotel room block for the 50th Anniversary class(es)?

No. Morgan does not have a hotel block. The list of hotels provided are just for convenience and does indicate hotel availability. If you will need hotel accommodations, it is advised to reserve immediately due to the higher-than-normal number of events taking place over the May 17-20 weekend in and around Baltimore City.

MISC. INFORMATION

11. Where can I park?

There is a parking garage next to the stadium and student center with minimal cost. Spaces are on a first-come basis. Be prepared to pay cash for parking. Shuttle service will be available between parking lots and the University Student Center during the day.

12. What if things change, how will I find out?

Commencement updates will be listed on the website (commencement.morgan.edu) and will be relayed to your class agents.

13. Who is/are my class agent(s)?

The Class Agents for the Class of 1974 are:

Angela Gaither-Scott
410-382-1704
acgaitherscott@msn.com

Sharon Russell
757-722-3739
sharonrussell.realtor@gmail.com

Arturo "Art" Lawson
202-832-3167
arthemalaw@aol.com

Floyd Taliaferro, III
410-655-2438
taliaferro7elite@gmail.com

Academic Cord Guidelines

MAJOR	CORD COLOR
Architecture, City Planning, Urban Studies	Blue violet
Arts & Letters, Humanities	White
Business, Accounting, Commerce	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts	Brown
Human Ecology, Home Economics	Purple
Journalism	Crimson
Library Science	Citron
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Sciences (i.e. biology, chemistry, computer sciences, mathematics, physics, etc.)	Science Gold
Social Science, Economics	Citron
Sociology	White
Speech (oratory)	Silver
Theology & Divinity	Scarlet

For majors not listed it is appropriate to use a similar major and/or school designation (e.g. engineering may use orange; but computer science should use science gold).

HOTEL LIST

This list is being provided as a convenience only. The MSU Alumni Association does **not** have any blocks of rooms reserved at any of the listed properties. It is advised to reserve as soon as possible due to the number of events happening over the May 17-20 weekend in and around Baltimore City.

Hotel Indigo

24 W. Franklin St.
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-625-6200
<https://www.ihg.com/hotelindigo/hotels/us/en/baltimore/balhn/hoteldetail>

The Ivy Hotel - Black Owned

205 E. Biddle Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-514-6500
<https://theivybaltimore.com>

Hotel Revival Baltimore

101 Monument Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-727-7101
<https://hotelrevivalbaltimore.com/>

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront

700 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-385-3000
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bwiwf-baltimore-marriott-waterfront/>

Sagamore Pendry, Baltimore

1715 Thames Street
Baltimore, MD 21231
443-552-1400
<https://www.pendry.com/baltimore/>

Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor

401 West Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
443-573-8700
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bwic-chh-hilton-baltimore/>

Renaissance Inner Harbor

202 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-547-1200
<https://tinyurl.com/2twkn4ap>

Royal Sonesta Harbor Court

550 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-234-0550
<https://www.sonesta.com/royal-sonesta/md/baltimore/royal-sonesta-harbor-court-baltimore?>

Canopy by Hilton Baltimore

Harbor Point
1215 Wills Street
Baltimore, Maryland, 21231
443-422-6679
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bwih-ppy-canopy-baltimore-harbor-point/?>