SPRING 2022
GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

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<td>Submit Intent to Graduate form.</td>
<td>To complete the form visit: <a href="http://www.king.edu/about/offices/registrar/graduation/application-for-degrees/">www.king.edu/about/offices/registrar/graduation/application-for-degrees/</a>. If you do not submit the Intent to Graduate form you will not receive a diploma.</td>
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<td>Deadline to order cap and gown without a late fee.</td>
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<td>Last day to change walking status or name for program.</td>
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<td>Last day to order graduation announcements.</td>
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<td>6:00 PM Nursing Pinning Ceremony at First Presbyterian Church</td>
<td>RSVP to the School of Nursing required.</td>
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<td>6:00 PM Baccalaureate Service at First Presbyterian Church</td>
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<td>8:30 AM Graduates line up for Commencement on the Oval at King University</td>
<td>10:00 AM Commencement ceremony begins.</td>
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Academic honors shall be determined by the undergraduate student's King grade point average.

**Latin Honors**
Graduates who have completed a minimum of 62 semester hours of graded coursework at King (excluding PLA, and Pass/Fail credits) will be eligible for the following Latin honors:
- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.500: cum laude; or
- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.700: magna cum laude; or
- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.900: summa cum laude.

**Honors With Distinction**
Graduates who have completed 48-61 hours of graded coursework at King (excluding PLA, and Pass/Fail credits) and have a grade point average of 3.70 or higher will graduate With Distinction in their designated field of study.

Students in a graduate program are not eligible for academic honors due to the GPA expectations set by those programs.

**Honors for Commencement Ceremony**
Anticipated honors will be announced during commencement exercises. The GPA at the end of week 10 in the student's final semester will be used to calculate anticipated honors. Graduates with summa cum laude honors will receive a gold honor cord as they cross the platform during commencement exercises.

Students who are approved to march early will not have honors announced.

*Final honors will be noted on the diploma.*
Cap and Gown Information

Graduates are responsible for ordering their caps and gowns from Herff-Jones' website.
http://www.herffjones.com/college/king/
The deadline for ordering caps and gowns is February 12th.

Late orders submitted after 02/12/2022 must be placed by visiting:
www.tornadoalleyshoppe.com/Cap-Gown-Order-Late-CG-Late.htm
No orders may be filled if placed after April 19, 2022.

A $25 late fee will be applied to all late orders.

When caps and gowns are ready for distribution, graduates will receive an email with pick-up/shipping instructions.

Questions related to cap and gown orders should be directed to Susan Marshall at sdmarsha@king.edu.
Commencement Parking

To avoid creating additional challenges we ask that if possible all graduates and guests travel to the Bristol campus in one vehicle. Parking will open at 7:00 am and no parking passes will be issued to graduates or employees.

Shuttle service on campus will be provided.

Those who are mobility impaired and require special parking accommodations must have a state-issued handicap placard or register to obtain a commencement parking permit to use special needs parking. Please note that special needs parking permits issued by King University Security Office are only valid for April 30, 2022, Commencement service.

Special needs parking is available in addition to government-issued handicapped parking placards.

https://www.king.edu/about/offices/security-and-safety/parking/special-event-parking/mobility-impaired-commencement-parking/
King's School of Nursing holds two pinning ceremonies per year, which align with fall and spring commencement.

Those eligible to participate will receive more information from the School of Nursing via email.
For graduating students, the Baccalaureate service is a great opportunity to reminisce with fellow students about their years at King University. The service is a vital and timeless expression of the commitment students have made to the values of excellence and service that King represents. It provides an occasion to acknowledge King's roots in the Christian academic tradition and to give thanks for the opportunities students have enjoyed as members of the King University community. The Baccalaureate service is a sacred part of the King experience and cherished by generations of King alumni. For this reason, all graduating students are expected to attend.

The service is held at the First Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, the evening before each spring Saturday commencement ceremony. Graduating students should assemble in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 p.m. and wear their robes without the hood or cap.
Diplomas

King University's Office of Registration and Records is focused on helping you progress to your next educational endeavor or career milestone.

The university has expanded our partnership with Parchment to combine your printed diploma with a secure digital version. Digital awards offer many benefits for you.

With Parchment, the leader in e-transcript exchange, the digital diploma is sent, and delivered electronically, securely, and confidentially. Just like the Parchment e-transcript service, the Blue Ribbon Verified PDS is an official record of your credentials. This type of verification ensures none of the information in the credential has been altered.

Once all degrees have been conferred, a notice will be sent to your King email account. The digital diploma allows you to share your accomplishments on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and LinkedIn. We encourage you to promote your talents in places where employers and future King Students will see them.

In addition to your digital diploma, we are excited to provide you with a paper diploma. Official paper diplomas will be mailed your home address on file within 10 to 14 business days after you have received your digital copy.

Diploma FAQ’s

What name is printed on my diploma?
Your name will appear on your diploma as indicated on your Intent to Graduate form.

How is my diploma sent to me?
Diplomas are sent via USPS to the HOME address on file. If your address is incorrect, you will need to contact the Office of Registration and Records before the date of conferral to change your address.

Can I order an additional diploma?
To order additional copies of your diploma, you will need to send an email to registrar@king.edu. There is a $35 fee for each additional copy.

Diplomas only list the degree earned, not the student's program of study.

Degrees include:
Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Nursing Practice
Courses from Outside Institutions

Students taking courses from another institution within their graduation semester need to be aware that grades for such courses are due no later than 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 5th.

Failure to meet this deadline could hold up conferral of the degree and the release of transcripts. Students are responsible for making arrangements with professors at other institutions to complete course requirements early, if necessary, in order to meet the King University deadline.

Family Diploma

A graduating student who has a parent or guardian that is a member of the King University faculty, staff, or Board of Trustees may request that the parent deliver the diploma case during commencement in lieu of the President. The student should make the request in writing to The Office of Academic Affairs at provost@king.edu at least two weeks prior to commencement. Requests after this date will not be approved.

Veterans and Active Military

We acknowledge graduates who served our country by bestowing upon them red, white, and blue honor cords. Veterans and Active Military are given the braided cord to wear around the neck at the commencement exercises.

Accomodations

Courtyard by Marriott Bristol
3169 Linden Drive
Bristol, VA 24202
(276) 591-4400

The Bristol Hotel
510 Birthplace of Country Music Way
Bristol, VA 24201
(276) 696-3535

The Sessions Hotel
833 State Street
Bristol, VA 24201
(276) 285-5040