



April 1, 2026

Dear Spring 2026 College of Agricultural Sciences Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation! This is a substantial accomplishment and a happy day for you, your family, and those of us in the College of Agricultural Sciences who shared your educational journey. We hope you are as proud of your achievements at Penn State as we are of you.

As you leave Penn State and pursue your career, we want you to know that you will always be a part of the College of Agricultural Sciences family. I am also a graduate of this college, and I am grateful for the fantastic opportunities my Penn State education provides for me. Please plan to return often to visit us. We hope you will maintain your interest in the college and join the Penn State Alumni Association when your complimentary one-year membership expires. I hope that one day, you will do as I have and become a life member of the alumni association. I look forward to greeting you when you return to Penn State to renew old friendships and kindle new ones, and to celebrate with your large Penn State family. I also encourage you to express appreciation to those members of the faculty and staff who helped you during your time at Penn State. If you are like me, there were key faculty and staff who provided critical help with an important decision, a challenge, or got you through a rough patch. Think about the instructors who challenged and inspired you and reach out and thank them. You will make their day!

We always strive to improve our academic programs. Please complete the survey you will receive in April via an email from Associate Dean Hoover. We also welcome your suggestions in the years ahead as you become established in professional careers, as those suggestions will help us align our educational, research, and outreach activities with broad societal trends and needs. You will be a key source of information and inspiration to help guide our curriculum and better prepare the next class of college alumni for success.

The graduation ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Pegula Ice Arena on Sunday, May 10, 2026. For more detailed information regarding the ceremony, please refer to the University's website at: <http://commencement.psu.edu/> and our College website at: <https://agsci.psu.edu/students/commencement>. Also, please remember that, in order to graduate, you must successfully complete all general education, major, and college requirements this semester.

As you know, Penn State is a land-grant institution, and the College of Agricultural Sciences has been at the forefront of this mission since the inception of the university as the Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania in 1855. At the core of the land grant mission is the commitment that knowledge is to be shared to improve the lives of others. This is the charge you are now receiving with your diploma. Your friends and family will see you in a new light and your colleagues will look to you for leadership. Accept this challenge and change the world for the better! We will be on the sidelines cheering as you progress through your career.

We wish you every success in your life and career. Thank you for sharing this part of your life with us. With congratulations and warm regards,

Troy L. Ott (Ag 84)
Dean

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026, AT 1:30 P.M.

Pegula Ice Arena

Admission is FREE

No tickets are needed to attend and there is open and free seating for guests of the graduates.

Parking is FREE

Please refer to the **parking map** provided for general and ADA parking for commencement at Pegula. General parking for Pegula ceremonies is available in the East Parking Deck, located on Bigler Road, approximately two blocks west of Pegula. Parking agents will also be on duty to direct guests to the appropriate parking areas.

ADA Accommodations

Accommodations are available for **guests with disabilities**. Although reservations are not required, **early arrival** is recommended for guest disability seating. **NOTE: Only one companion seat is provided adjacent to the accessible seat. Other family members may sit in the general seating area.**

Bag Policy: <https://gopsusports.com/sports/2018/8/8/ot-psu-bag-policy-html.aspx>

So you are not caught off guard, please review the bag policy (enclosed and linked above).

This University policy applies to all events in the Pegula Ice Arena and will be enforced at this event.

Please note there will be **metal detectors** at the entrances to the arena.

In addition to the bag policy, Pegula Ice Arena prohibits signs and helium balloons inside the facility.

Arrival time:

Due to the outgoing traffic from the previous ceremony, we highly encourage students and their families **NOT** to arrive at Pegula earlier than Noon. ***Students and families will not be able to enter the arena before Noon.***

Student Entrance:

Students enter at Gate C (*see enclosed map*). Please arrive in cap and gown with your name card in hand. Remember to **BRING your NAME CARD* to COMMENCEMENT!** Students who DO NOT have a name card upon arrival **MUST** stop at the designated table at the GATE C entrance to **procure a replacement card**. This card is used for announcing your name as you cross the stage. **No student will be permitted to enter the arena floor without their name card.** Students **MUST** be in their seats no later than 1:00 p.m. and may sit in any seat in the rows marked for their major/department.

Family/Guest Entrance:

Families and guests enter at Gate A (*see enclosed map*). Ushers will direct you to seating for the ceremony. Enclosed for your reference is a chart of how the students will be seated on floor of the arena so you can locate your graduate.

Ceremony Details:

The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes and include remarks by administration, a guest speaker, the conferring of degrees, individual recognition of each graduate as they cross the stage, and a welcome into the Penn State Alumni Association. You can also refer to <https://agsci.psu.edu/students/commencement> for more details.

Commencement is a formal academic ceremony. We encourage celebration; however, we request that graduates and their guests behave with the decorum the occasion deserves. All families are waiting to hear the name of their graduate; please hold your applause and cheering until all students have crossed the stage platform.

Prior to the ceremony, please arrange to **meet your graduate OUTSIDE the Pegula Ice Arena after the ceremony.** You will not be permitted to re-enter the main event area or the building once the ceremony concludes.

****Name Cards will be available for students to pick up in the lobby of the Ag Administration Bldg. the week before commencement.***

University's Main Commencement Website: <https://www.commencement.psu.edu/>



PENN STATE ATHLETICS CLEAR BAG POLICY

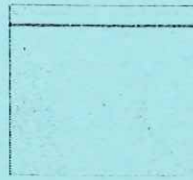
PERMITTED

ONE OF THESE 3 OPTIONS



12" X 6" X 12" (OR SMALLER)
CLEAR TOTE BAG

OR



11" X 11" X 0"
RE-SEALABLE
1-GALLON BAG

OR



4" X 6" X 1"
SMALL CLUTCH
OR WRISTLET

NOT PERMITTED

ANY PLASTIC BAG LARGER
THAN 12" X 6" X 12".

ANY OTHER BAG LARGER
THAN 12" X 6" X 12", INCLUDING:

BACKPACKS	ROLL BAGS
DIAPER BAGS	BINOCULAR CASES
MESSENGER BAGS	DUFFLE BAGS
CAMERA BAGS	ANY OTHER BAGS

ALLOWABLE NON-BAGGED
LOOSE ITEMS

MEDICALLY NECESSARY ITEMS
 COAT | BLANKET
 BINOCULARS (NO BAG)
 CAMERA (NO BAG)
 ROLLABLE SEAT CUSHION
 iPad OR OTHER MOBILE DEVICES

The complete Penn State Athletics Clear Bag Policy can be found at GoPSUsports.com/clearbagpolicy

West Shore Home Field at Beaver Stadium, Bryce Jordan Center, Pegula Ice Arena, Medlar Field at Lubrano Park and Recreation Hall

Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and are 12" x 6" x 12" or smaller are permitted.

Attendees are permitted to bring loose items, including:

- Coat
- Wristlet with or without a strap (no larger than 4" x 6" x 1")
- Blanket
- Seat cushion that can be rolled and does not have pockets
- iPad or other mobile devices
- Camera (no camera bag, tripod or additional lenses) unless prohibited by the venue
- Binoculars (no case or bag)

All clear bags and patrons are subject to metal detection and/or bag inspection upon entering the venue.

Those patrons without bags will be able to bypass the bag and article check stations at most gates.

Prohibited bags include:

- Backpacks
- Fanny packs
- Purses
- String bags
- Diaper bags
- Messenger bags
- Camera bags
- Brief cases
- Roll bags
- Binocular cases
- Duffle bags
- Any other bags

Babies may be brought into athletic venues in a soft baby carrier or a sling. Rigid frame baby and toddler carriers are not permitted. *Please note, a ticket is required for a baby at all athletics events.*

Strollers are permitted in all athletic venues, except for West Shore Home Field at Beaver Stadium.

In addition to the bag policy, Pegula Ice Arena prohibits signs and helium balloons inside the facility.

In adherence to best practices at major entertainment venues, walk-through metal detectors are in use at all entry gates, along with the restrictions on the size and type of bag permitted into the arena for all ceremonies

For questions or additional details, please contact the Office of the Associate Vice President, Police & Public Safety.

You may also visit the University's policy on [Items Permitted at Events](#) for more information.

College of Agricultural Sciences

Pegula Ice Arena

Sunday, May 10, 2026

1:30 PM

STAGE

Faculty

Ag & Biorenewable Systems Mgmt/BioRenewable Systems

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Agricultural and Extension Education
Agricultural Science
Community, Environment, and Development

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Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Environmental Resource Management

Food Science

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Pegula Ice Arena Commencement Parking and Gate Entrance Information


(see reverse for Gate locations)

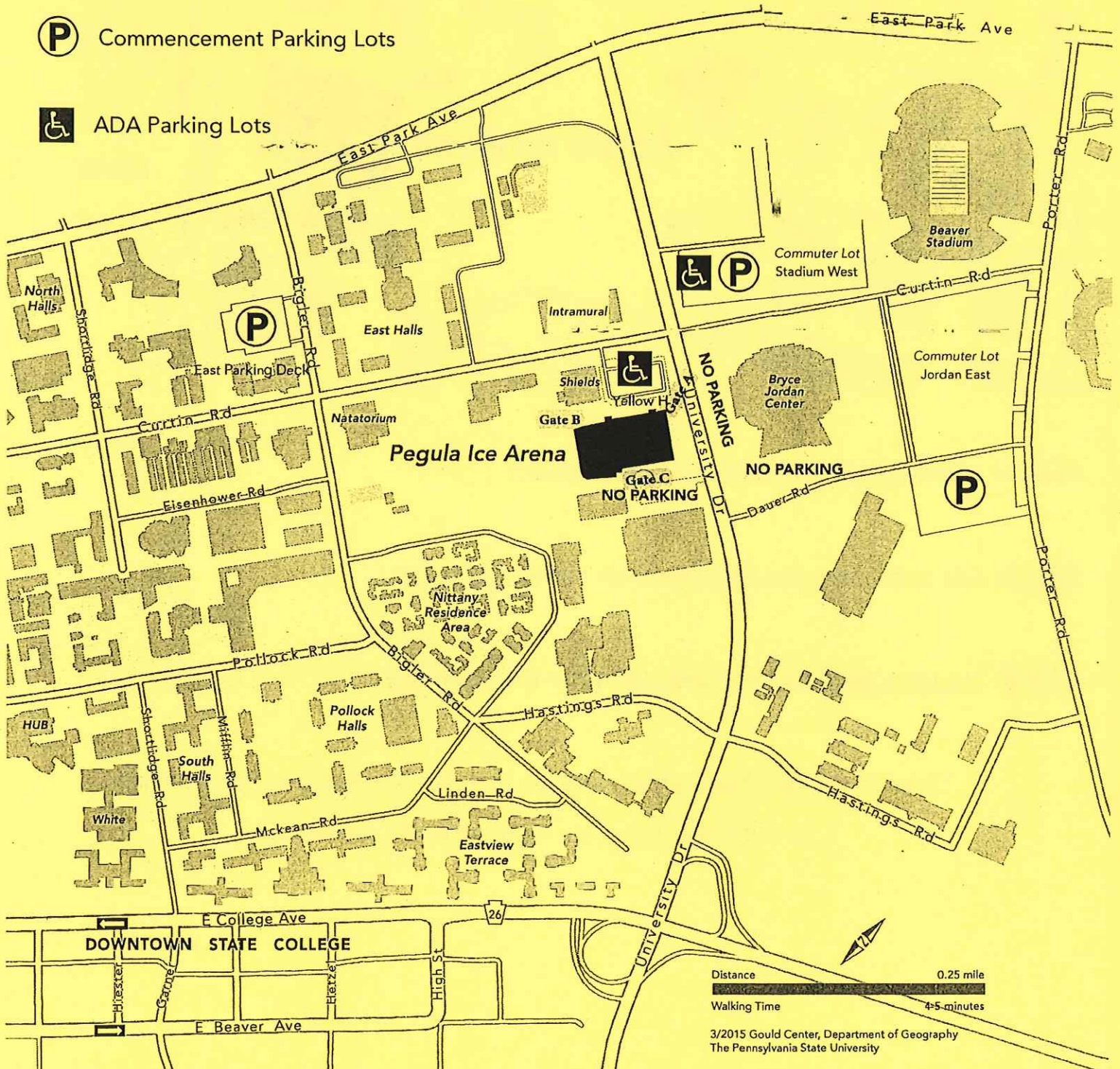
College of Agricultural Sciences Commencement Ceremony at Pegula Sunday Parking Instructions

- East Parking Deck, Jordan East, Stadium West
- ADA Parking at Yellow H Shields

Note: with commencement ceremonies also being held at the Bryce Jordan Center, those attending Pegula ceremonies on Sunday are urged to park at the East Parking Deck.

 Commencement Parking Lots

 ADA Parking Lots



Distance 0.25 mile
Walking Time 4-5 minutes

3/2015 Gould Center, Department of Geography
The Pennsylvania State University