

# Guest Services and Commencement Information

## Pictures and Video

We are pleased to announce that [Flash Photography](#) will be taking professional photographs at all Sam Houston State University commencement ceremonies. Any questions regarding picture orders can be addressed through their web site at [www.flashphotography.com](http://www.flashphotography.com)

For students who graduated in May 2008 or August 2008, the professional photographs were taken at commencement by Jolesch Photography. For more information on picture orders for those events please contact Jolesch Photography.

## Seating at Commencement

Seating at commencement, located in the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum, is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations are **NOT** available for seating. Please note that friends and family will **NOT** be allowed to "save seats" prior to the commencement ceremony inside the coliseum.

Once the coliseum reaches capacity, additional seating will be provided in the Lowman Student Center Ballroom and Theatre where live video feed will ensure that each guest will see their special graduate cross the stage. There are restrooms and a baby changing station located on the concourse of the coliseum, as well as in the nearby Teacher Education Center.

Any other concerns not addressed on this page should be directed to [ask.regstaff@shsu.edu](mailto:ask.regstaff@shsu.edu) or you may call 936-294-4245.

## Special Seating on the Coliseum Floor for Guests with Disabilities:

Those guests with disabilities who wish to sit in special sections on the coliseum floor will be directed to those areas by University Police Officers and ushers. Because space on the Coliseum floor is severely limited, each guest with a disability may be accompanied by no more than one person.

Please understand that as much as we would like to accommodate every family member or friend wanting to remain with a disabled guest on the floor, our doing so would invariably mean that some disabled guests would be deprived of seating there. Also, for reasons of safety, the general public is not allowed on the floor before, during, or after the commencement ceremony. We must ensure that the lines of graduates move rapidly and without interruption along the sides of the coliseum during the time degrees are being conferred.

Therefore, we request that you observe the rules which apply strictly to other guests in the Coliseum: Please do not step outside the area roped off for disabled guests to take pictures, and please do not visit with any of the graduates as they pass by in lines either going towards the stage to receive their degrees or headed away from the stage towards the back of the Coliseum.

**An American Sign Language expert will interpret during the commencement ceremony. They will be located on the right side.**

