

Paxon

School for Advanced Studies

SENIOR DUES

Covers senior week activities (listed on other side of this page), graduation costs (which includes the venue, programs, venue parking, venue audiovisual display, security, etc.), and transportation. Prom, Grad Bash, and Cap & Gown are separate costs.

Fees paid by January 30 are \$110.

Fees paid on February 1 or up to March 31 are \$115.

Fees paid on and after April 1 are \$120.

Senior Dues must be paid in order to participate in the graduation ceremony and senior week activities.

Senior Fees must be paid by credit card online.

To pay online, go to <https://DCPS.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Register" or "Sign In" option.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Buses will be provided for all off-campus events, excluding the Baccalaureate ceremony. Included in the senior dues is bus transportation to these events including the Commencement rehearsal, Commencement ceremony, and off campus senior week activities. Students desiring transportation to and from the school must request by sign up before May 1st.

Prom 2023

Theme: Night in the Bayou

When: April 20, 2024, 7-11 PM

Where: Prime Osborne 1000 Water St, Jacksonville, FL 32204

Tickets: \$60. Ticket purchasers must be in the 11th or 12th grade and cleared from the student debt list.

Students for whom tickets are purchased must also be cleared from the debt list. Guest forms must be completed for attendees from other schools.

Seniors Informed

Graduation Ceremony
University of North Florida
Tuesday, May 28th
Graduation Rehearsal Time is 7:30 AM
Graduation Ceremony is at 6:00 PM

Graduates arrive at the Arena at 7:30 AM for rehearsal. The rehearsal will last approximately two hours. Graduates will report to the Arena at 4:30 PM for the ceremony. The primary event parking for both the rehearsal and the ceremony is in Lot 18.

Graduation Tickets:

Each senior will receive 10 graduation ceremony tickets for guests. Graduates do not need a ticket to attend graduation.

Ticket Distribution: Tickets will be distributed to seniors Friday, May 24th at 11:00 AM in the Paxon Auditorium during the cap and gown distribution.

Additional Tickets: Students can make arrangements with other seniors for additional tickets. We anticipate opportunities throughout the year to acquire additional tickets. No one, including babies in arms, toddlers, etc., will be allowed into the venue without a ticket.

A Sign Language Interpreter will be provided by DCPS. Handicapped/Accessible seating is available.

Dress Code:

Please be sure that your gown is pressed before wearing it.

Dresses: a black or dark blue dress that is close to knee length. Please try your dress on with your gown to see how it looks. It should neither hang below your gown (tape it up) nor be so short that you look "bare" under your gown.

Bottoms: Dress slacks (black or dark blue- no khakis)

Tops: White or pale colored dress shirt/blouse; dark, traditional tie

Shoes: black or dark blue dress shoes (no buckles, rhinestones, glitter or embellishments of any kind, or sneakers) With dress- open toe shoes are acceptable (very high heels should be avoided); flesh colored pantyhose. With slacks- black or dark blue dress shoes; dark dress socks (no bare ankles, white/colored socks, or casual shoes/sneakers).

Caps and Gowns:

Graduates are only permitted to wear Paxon provided regalia with their cap and gowns. Decoration of graduation caps and other embellishments are not permitted.

Caps and gowns are purchased through Herff-Jones. The cost is not included in senior dues. Contact Herff Jones at (904) 363-1905 for all cap and gown and announcement concerns. Before a student may receive his/her cap and gown he/she must clear all debt. Please see reverse side for debt information.

Distribution of Caps and gowns:

Caps and gowns will be distributed to seniors on Friday, May 24th. Distribution will occur at approximately 11:00 AM in the Paxon SAS Auditorium.

Guests attending the Commencement Ceremony:

Guests will go through a bag-check line and walk through a mag-gate upon entering the Arena. Wanding will be used in the instances the mag-gate is triggered during a walk-through. Clear Bag Policy will be in effect. Acceptable bags are 12" x 6" x 12" clear plastic bags, 1 gallon plastic freezer bag, or clutch with shoulder or wrist straps (clutch may not be larger than 4.5" x 6.5"). Visit the UNF website and review the Arena Security procedures on prohibited items for more information. <https://www.unf.edu/recwell/facilityandfieldrentals/hs-graduation.html>

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please submit requests at least 3 weeks prior to graduation. Last-minute requests will be accepted, however, we cannot guarantee the availability of ASL interpreters or other accommodations on short notice. For more information, please contact the Office of Equity and Inclusion at 904-390-2181 or scissorsr@duvalschools.org.

C/O 2024

Grad Bash

Universal Islands of Adventure - Friday, April 12

Chartered buses are provided and will leave Paxon SAS on Friday, March 31st at 3:30 PM and will return on Saturday, April 1st at 5:00 AM. It is a school day and students MUST attend 1st and 2nd periods at a minimum. Students will report to the auditorium immediately after school for bus loading. Parents picking up students on Saturday morning should arrive by 4:30 AM.

Cost: \$185 due March 10th - only Paxon SAS students may attend. Payments are made via <https://DCPS.schoolcashonline.com>

Special Notes:

- ▶ Students may not bring food, coolers, back packs, drinks, water bottles, etc.
- ▶ Security: Police will be hired to protect parked cars until buses return from Grad Bash. However, we strongly recommend that students be dropped off and picked up for this event.
- ▶ Students may not be dropped off or picked up at an alternative location. Please do not ask for special considerations. DCPS liability does not provide coverage for this option.
- ▶ Bags taken into the park must be only half the size of a sheet of notebook paper, including purses and backpacks.

Dress Code:

Students must arrive at school appropriately dressed. They may not change upon arrival at Universal Orlando. Casual attire. Avoid tube tops, strapless, backless, spaghetti strap dresses/tops. Nothing too short or too revealing, no see-through clothing. Students should wear comfortable shoes; flip-flops are not recommended. No hats or bandanas. No clothing affiliated with a school, religion, gang, or team. A dress code for Universal Orlando will be sent home at a later date.

Baccalaureate Ceremony May 26, at 4 PM

Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church

10325 Interstate Center Drive

- ▶ Attendance at the Baccalaureate Ceremony for seniors is optional.
- ▶ It is requested that students attend the rehearsal. Please arrive at Abyssinia on Friday, May 24 by 9 AM.
Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church, (904) 696-1770.
- ▶ Students participating in the Baccalaureate Service should arrive at the church on Sunday, May 26, at least one hour before starting time in the sanctuary hallway ready to line up.
- ▶ The service will begin on time and is anticipated to last approximately one hour.
- ▶ Students are to wear their cap and gown to the ceremony. Please be sure your gown is pressed before wearing it.
- ▶ Students must arrange his/her own transportation to and from this event. Parking is provided free of charge.

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Senior Week

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Dear Parents and Seniors,

This brochure, created for seniors and their parents, is a synopsis of all pertinent senior activities and the policies and procedures that govern them. It is an effort to make information about senior activities easily accessible for both parents and students. It is our sincere hope that you will find the contents of this brochure useful to you. The information provided pertains to Grad Bash, Senior Activities, Baccalaureate, Senior Awards Ceremony, and Graduation.

If you need additional information please feel free to contact Mr. Martin at martinj6@duvalschools.org or Mr. Maynard at maynardj@duvalschools.org. We are confident that this information will help make the Paxon SAS senior experience as pleasant as possible for both parents and seniors.

Sincerely,

Dr. Royce L. Turner, Principal

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Jacksonville, FL 32254

Current Resident/or:

Monday, 5/20 — Academic Signing Day/Movie Day/Yearbook Signing
Paxon Auditorium — 10:00 AM

Tuesday, 5/21 — Adventure Landing — 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Senior Awards
Paxon Auditorium — 6:00 PM

Thursday, 5/23 — Main Event — 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Friday, 5/24 — Baccalaureate Rehearsal
Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church
103325 Interstate Center Drive — 9:00 AM

Cap and Gown Distribution
Paxon Auditorium — 11:00 AM

Sunday, 5/26 — Baccalaureate Ceremony
Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church
10325 Interstate Center Drive — 4:00 PM

Tuesday, 5/28 — Graduation Rehearsal — 7:30 AM
UNF Field House
Commencement Ceremony — 6:00 PM
University of North Florida

** Buses will be provided (by request) for all off-campus activities (included in senior dues), with the exception of the Baccalaureate Ceremony. **

Debt Information

Seniors MUST clear all student debt to participate in ANY senior activity (including senior week, prom, cap and gown distribution, and graduation).

Debt must be cleared by APRIL 13th.

All unpaid senior dues go on the school debt list April 13th.

Personal checks, cash, or money order will be allowed for debt payment.