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Nichols College Class of 2026 Commencement Rehearsal

SENIOR SURVEY

Emails were sent to all Graduating Seniors with a link to the Graduating Senior Survey.

Please make sure to fill it out as soon as possible.

SENIOR 48

Wednesday, April 29-Friday, May 1, 2026

- Unpaid dues but want to attend?
  - Contact Cari Cyr, cari.cyr@nichols.edu
- Live on campus but not participating?
  - Move out by 7 pm Wednesday, April 29 (unless approved by Residence Life).
- Required Senior 48 Check-In:
  - Wednesday, April 29, 5:30–7 PM at Copper Quad

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY & RECEPTION

Friday, May 1, 2026

Dress Code: Business Casual – **No Regalia**

4:30 pm: Line up in front of Daniels Auditorium

5 pm: Begin procession over Budleigh Hill to Ceremony in Athletic Center

6 pm: Reception in Lombard to be held after the ceremony

**There is a 4 guests per graduate limit for the reception. Pre-registration was required.

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

Undergraduate Academic Honors:

Academic Honors designations are based on the cumulative grade point average earned through the end of the **Fall 2025** semester.

Honors status **may change** as a result of Spring 2026 semester grade performance.

Candidates earning the distinction of Commencement Honors are recognized by the wearing a gold cord.

HONORS (continued)

Undergraduate Students with 48+ completed Nichols College credits:

- Summa Cum Laude: Cumulative grade point average **3.85-4.0**
- Magna Cum Laude: Cumulative grade point average **3.65-3.84**
- Cum Laude: Cumulative grade point average **3.4-3.64**

Undergraduate Students with less than 48 completed Nichols College credits:

- With High Distinction: Cumulative grade point average **3.85-4.0**
- With Distinction: Cumulative grade point average **3.70-3.84**

ACADEMIC REGALIA – Mortarboard cap, tassel, gown, hood +

Only Nichols College approved regalia may be worn.

Please put these items on over your gown in the following order (as applicable).

Tassel should be on the right side of the mortarboard cap at the start of the ceremony.

STOLES
Institute for Women's Leadership – IWL
Emerging Leaders – ELP

CORDS
Gold= Graduating with honors
Green & Black= Time, Talent & Treasure Philanthropy
Red= First Generation
Green & White= Student Athlete

HOOD
Beige Velvet= Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)
White Velvet= Bachelor of Arts (BA)

PINS - *Go on the yoke of the gown, on the side <u>without</u> the NC seal*

Student Government Association	Campus Activities Board
Student Alumni Society	Veteran/Active Military
Zeta Alpha Phi	Phi Alpha Theta

ACADEMIC REGALIA

ACADEMIC GOWN

<u>To remove wrinkles:</u>

DO NOT IRON! The material can melt!

Hang, mist lightly with water, and let air dry for several days

** <u>For best results</u>, use a hand steamer. We will have steamers at the DCU Center for last-minute touch-ups**

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE DCU CENTER…

YOU RECEIVED 5 INVITATIONS

- Not considered a reservation for seating (first come, first seated)
- Invite as many guests as you wish – invitations are not collected
- There are handicapped areas for guests with disabilities

NO BACKPACKS OR BAGS LARGER THAN 8 X 10 ALLOWED INTO DCU CENTER.

DO NOT BRING HANGERS OR OTHER ITEMS YOU DO NOT WISH TO CARRY DURING THE CEREMONY.
Nothing may be left in the rooms as they are locked and cleaned for the next event after you leave.

YOU **MUST CHECK-IN** UPON YOUR ARRIVAL OR YOUR NAME WILL **NOT** BE CALLED

- Use the link in the email/text sent to you or do in person check-in at the DCU Center.

PLEASE CAREFULLY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR THE CEREMONY.

*There is no transportation provided to the DCU center. Allow yourself plenty of time to arrive, park, and get into the building before line up begins. Parking lots & garages require you to pay a fee to park in the city.

COMMENCEMENT DAY TIMELINE (MAY 2)

8:30 am – DCU Doors open for degree candidates and guests.

8:30 am – 9:15 am – CHECK-IN, get assistance with your cap, gown & hood, use the restroom!

9:20 am – Find your seat in your assigned Meeting Room.

9:30 am – Short words of information before you line-up.

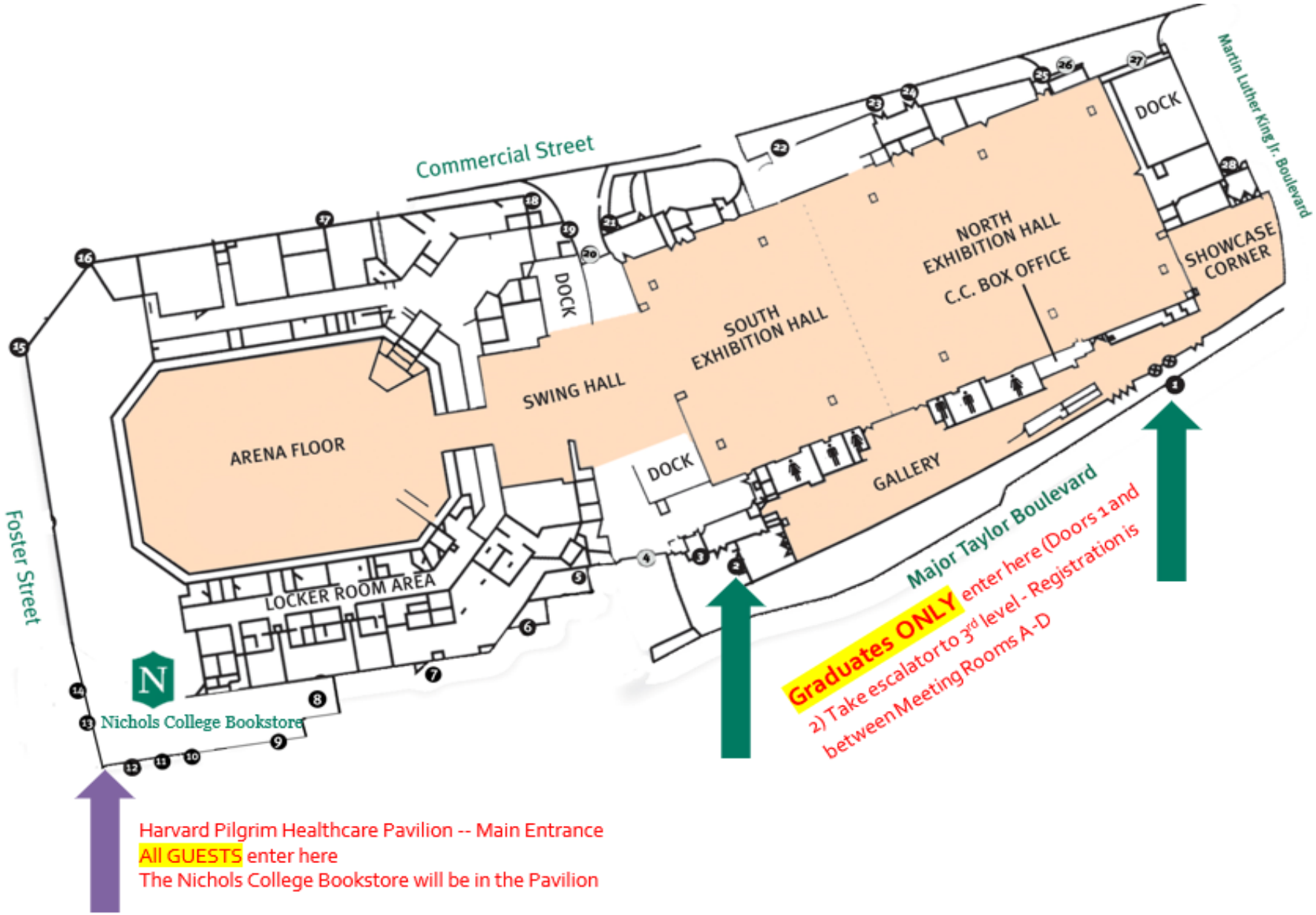
9:35 am – Line-up begins.

9:50 am – Procession to Arena begins - Remember to stay with your partner and keep together.

10:00 am – Process into Arena - Remain standing until asked to sit. Ceremony begins.

Noon-ish – Ceremony expected to end, depending on the length of the speeches. Families & guests may join graduates on the Arena floor after the ceremony has ended.

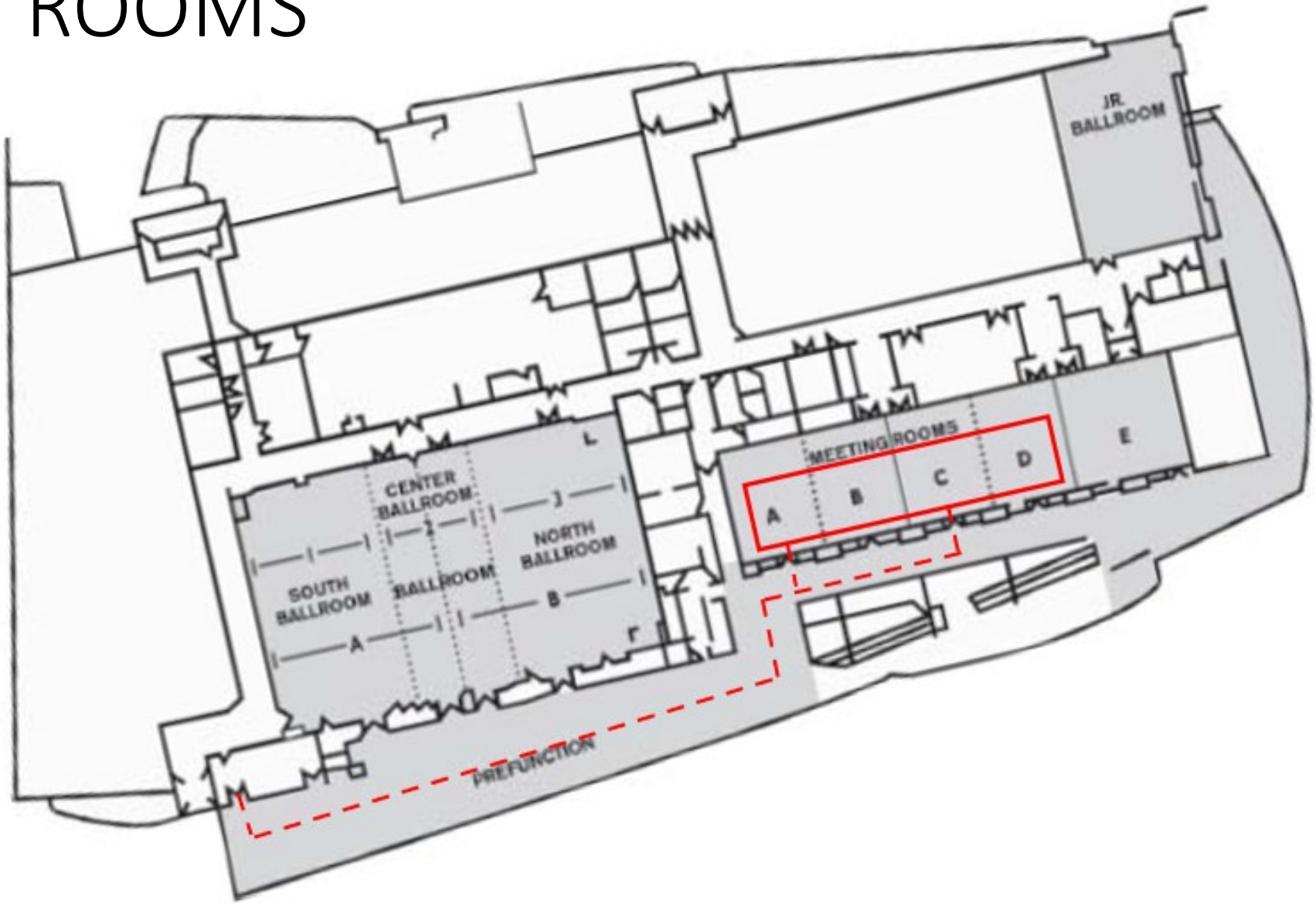
DCU Center



$ Parking lot and garage on MLK Boulevard

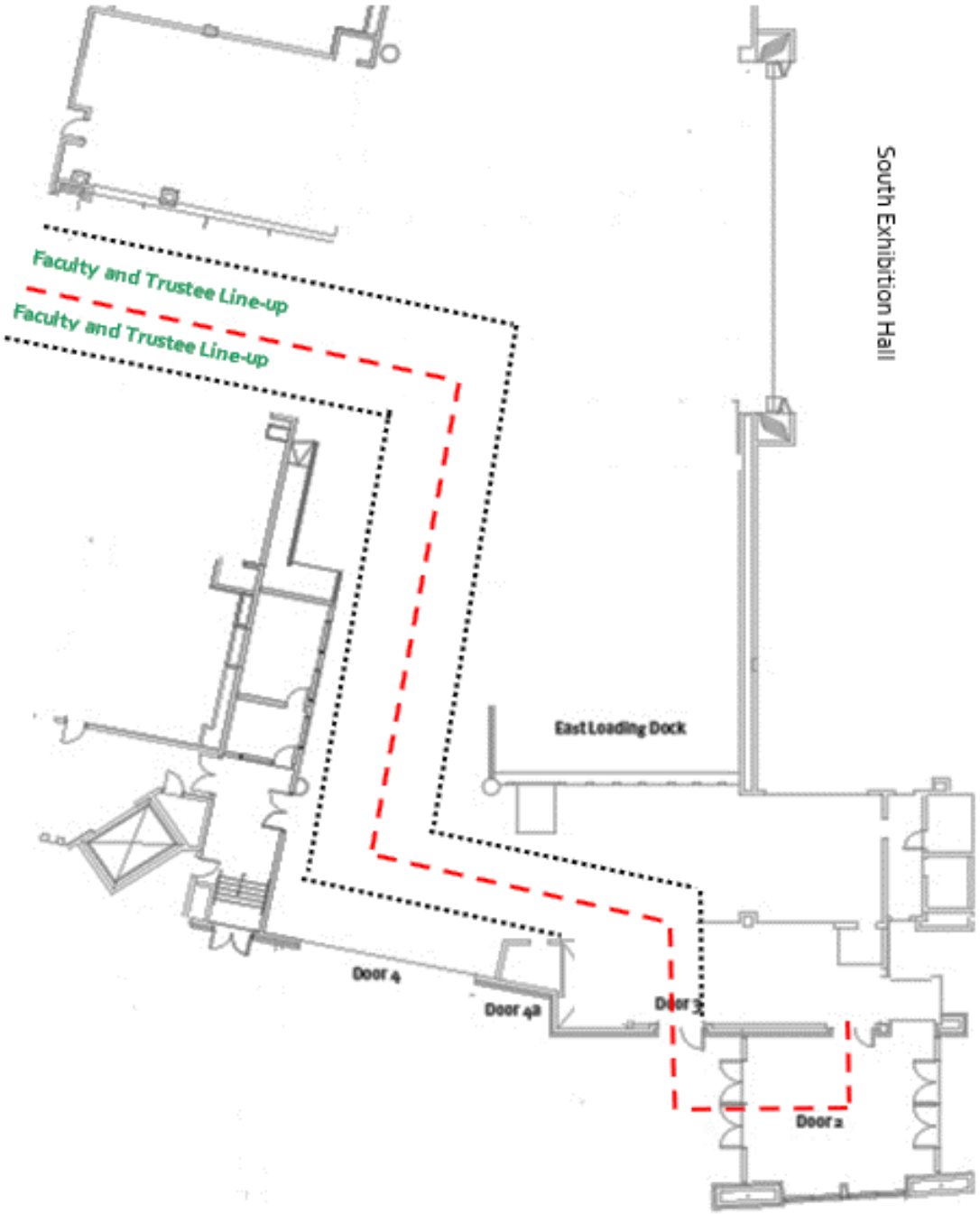
MEETING ROOMS

Use the escalator near entrance door 1 to get to the 3rd Floor meeting rooms where Degree Candidates will check in and line up.



PROCESSION

IMPORTANT: We will be processing down 4 flights of cement stairs.
This is why we ask you to wear appropriate footwear.



DCU center
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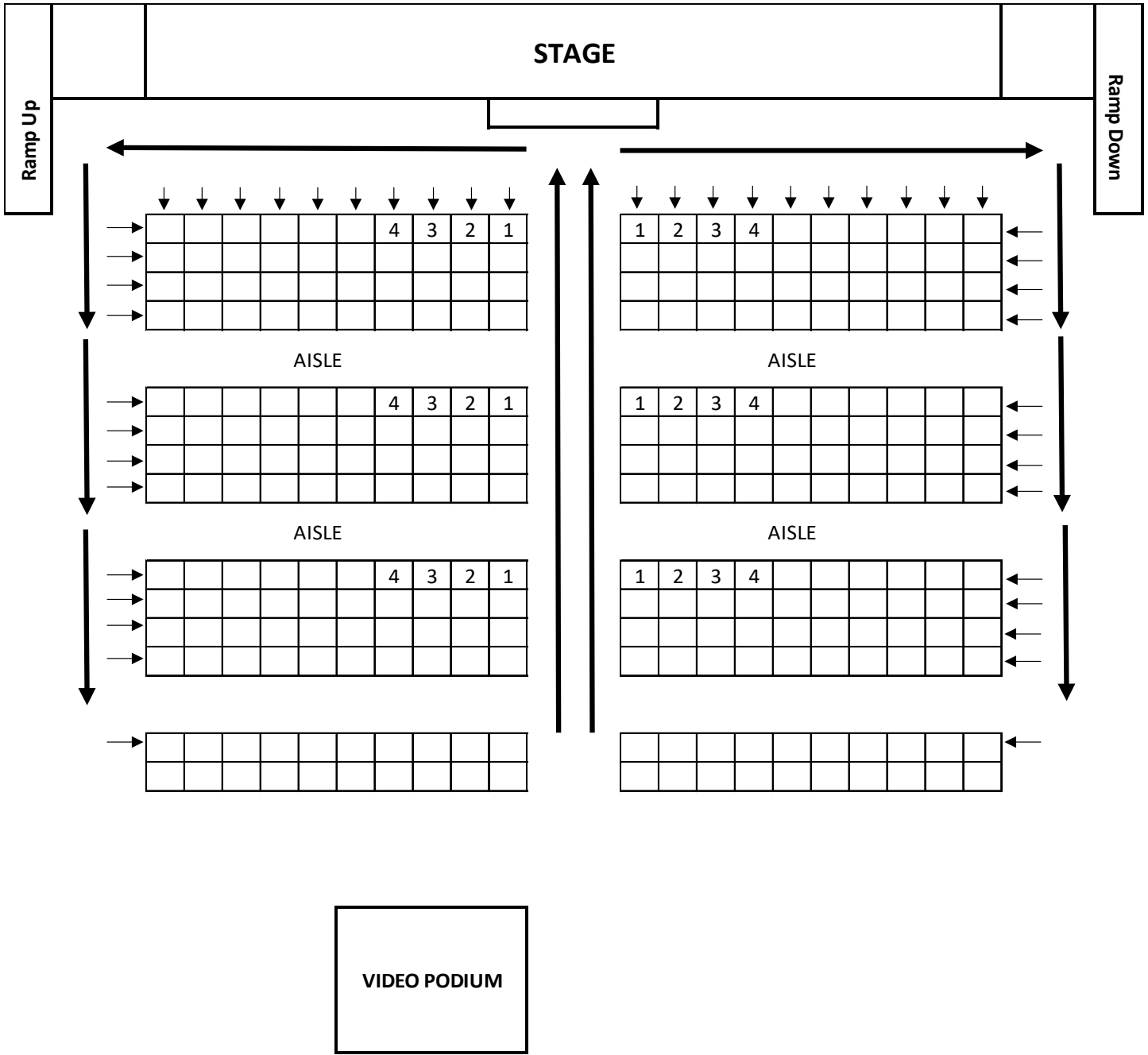
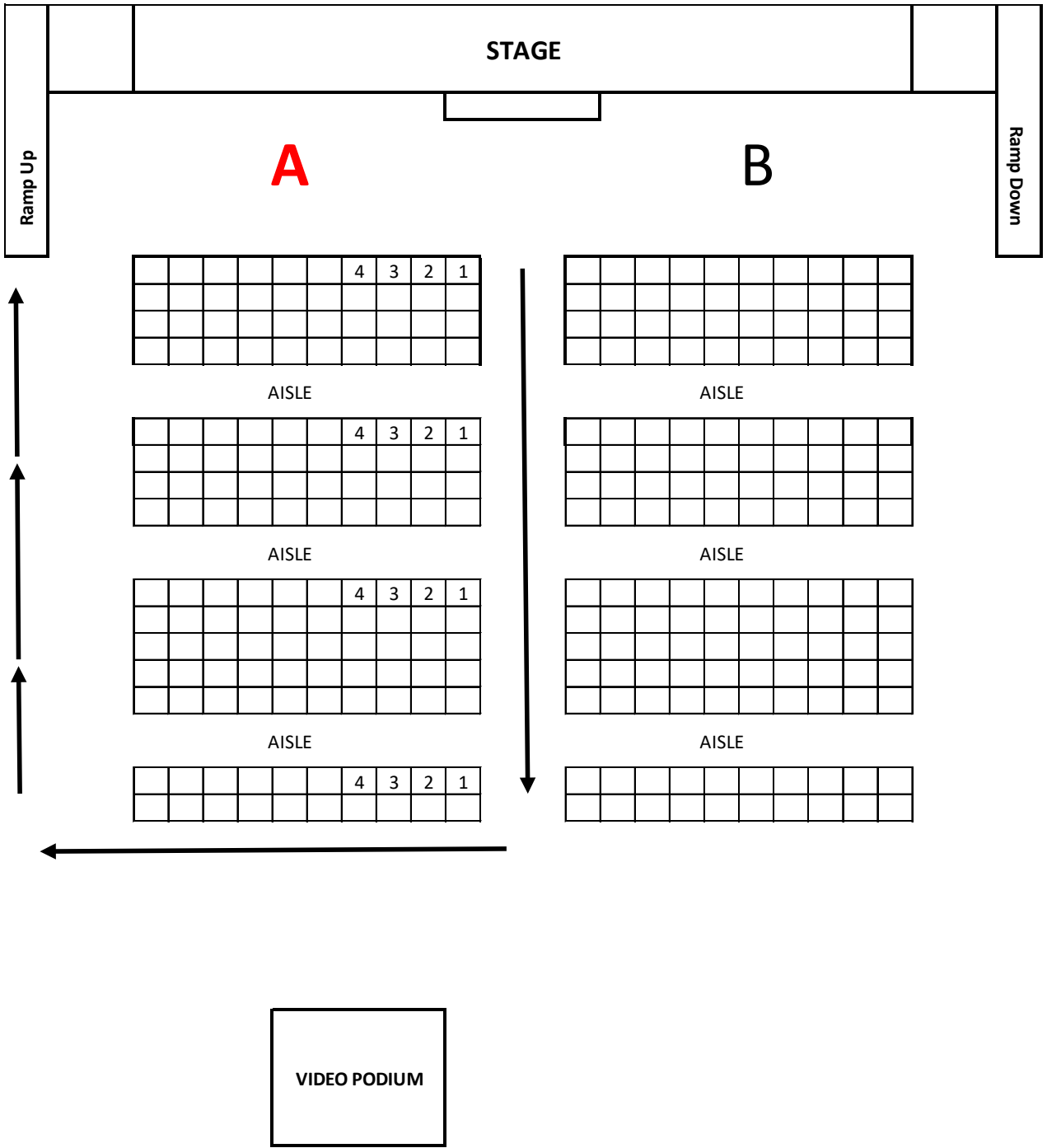
PROCESSING IN

All undergraduate degree candidates will occupy the same seat that they occupied in Meeting Room A, B, C or D.



RECEIVING YOUR DIPLOMA



<u>SIDE A</u>

BA and BSBA

Alphabetically by degree

<u>Then SIDE B</u>

BSBA, MBA, MSA, MSC, MSOL, &

Dual degrees

Alphabetically by degree

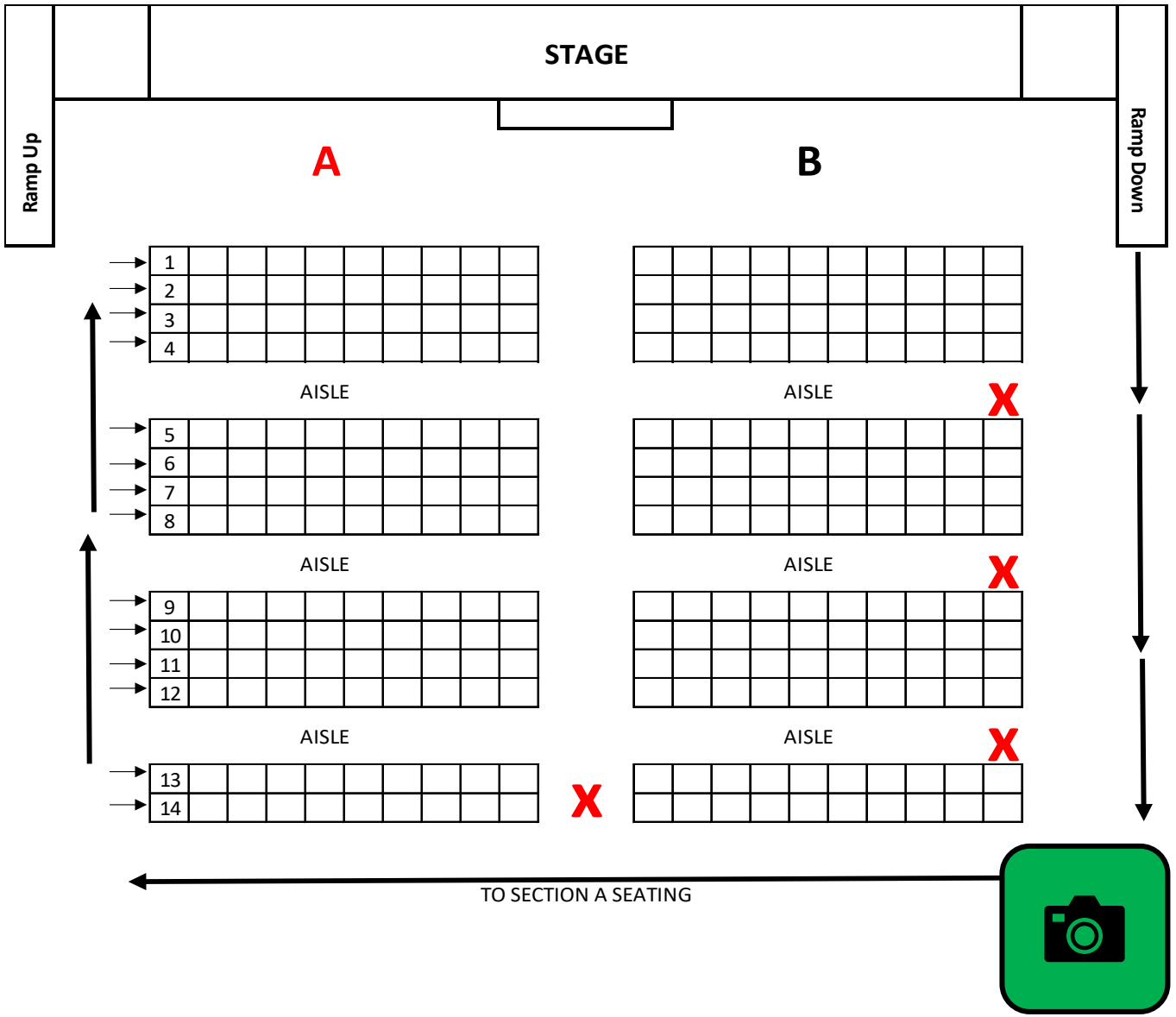
RETURNING TO YOUR SEAT

SIDE A

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

BSBA Candidates

Please DO NOT cut through aisles!



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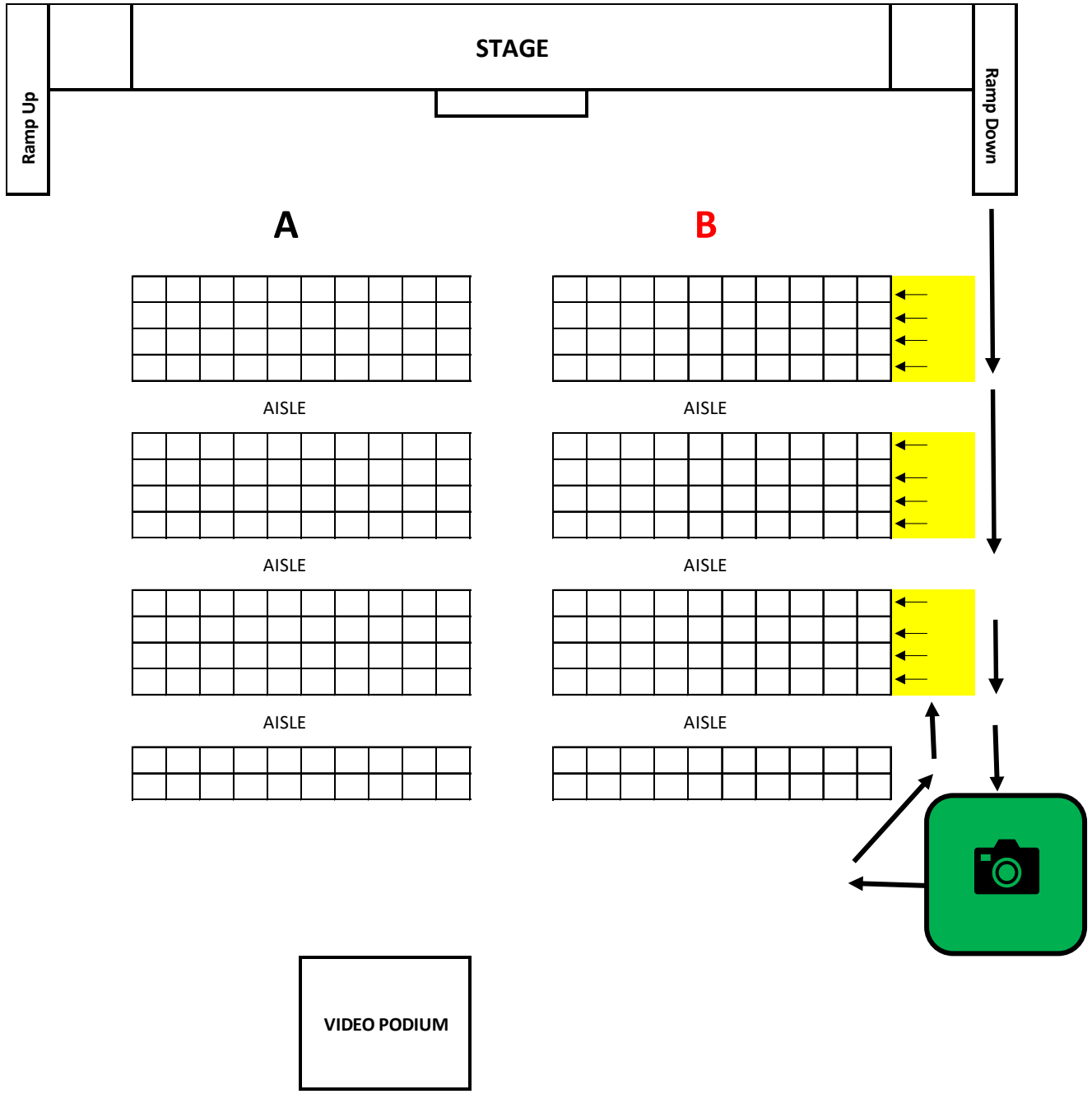
RETURNING TO YOUR SEAT

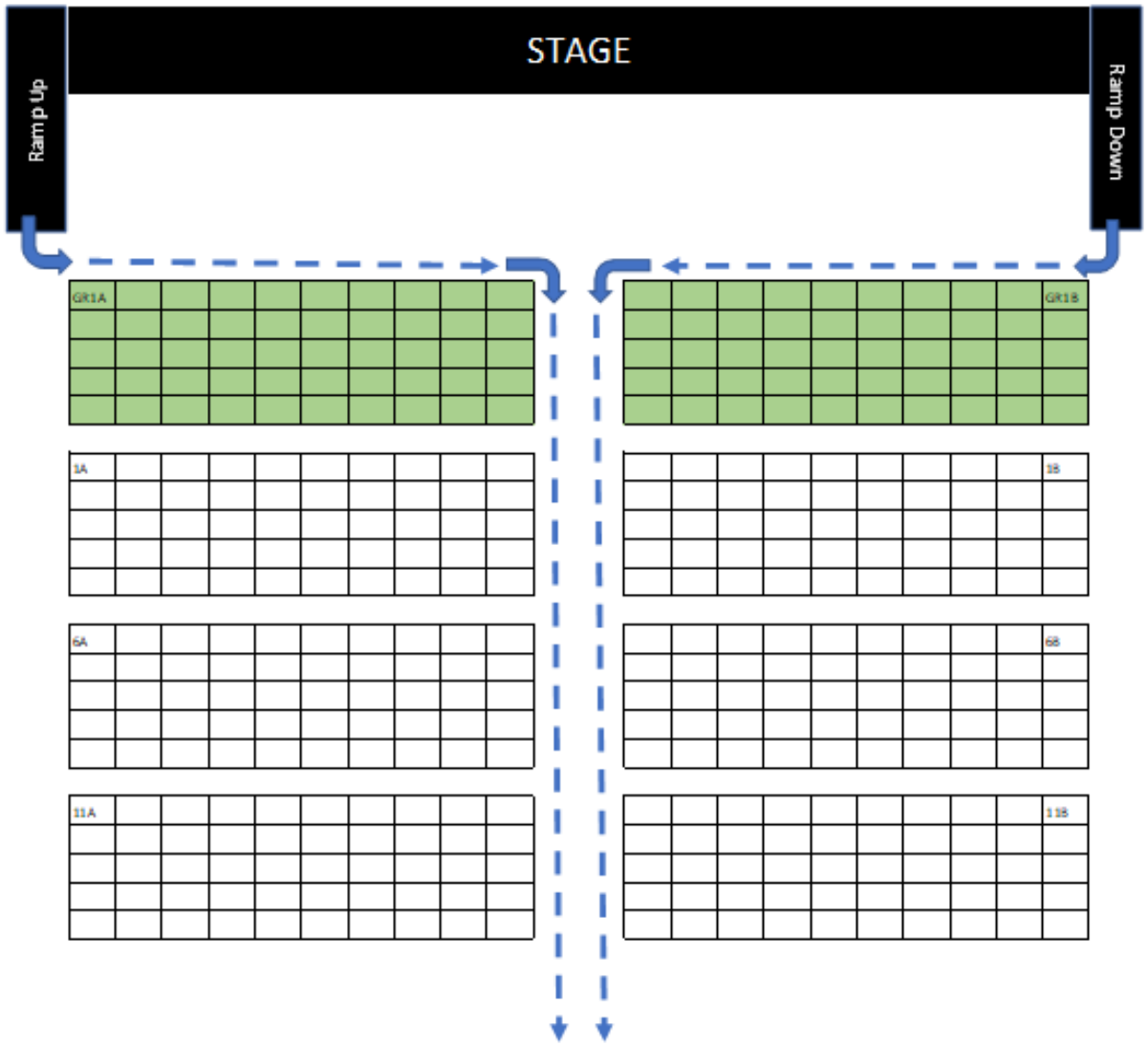
SIDE B

BSBA Candidates
MBA Candidates
MSA Candidates
MSC Candidates
MSOL Candidates
Dual Degree Candidates



PLATFORM PARTY RECESSIONAL

Once the Platform Party recesses, graduates may meet their family and friends on the arena floor.



LIVE COMMENCEMENT STREAM

The Commencement ceremony will be live streamed.

The link can be found on the Nichols college website:

https://www.nichols.edu/commencement/

Scroll down to Live Commencement Stream.

QUESTIONS?

Registrar's Office at registrar@nichols.edu

Or

Academic Affairs at commencement@nichols.edu

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!