



Title: #VI-14. Student Participation in Commencement

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Commencement ceremonies recognize academic achievements of students and faculty. While ceremonial in nature, commencement is a time for the institution to celebrate a major milestone in the life of the academic community. Participation in commencement at West Virginia University at Parkersburg is an honor shared among graduates.

A student participates in the commencement ceremony following the term in which they complete or are projected to complete all of the requirements for graduation. Spring semester graduates participate in the May commencement; summer and fall semester graduates participate in the December commencement.

WVU at Parkersburg encourages students to participate in the commencement ceremony. However, to maintain the quality of education it provides, the college requires that students address all holds on their records, including, but not limited to outstanding balances owed, prior to commencement, as announced by the Registrar's Office. The college withholds diplomas and official transcripts until all holds are released.

Effective with the May 2014 commencement, students with holds on their records may not participate in the commencement ceremony.

Any exceptions to these guidelines must be approved by the Vice President for Student Services.