

Commencement Directions and Parking

Total Mortgage Arena • 600 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut

- Located about 30 minutes from campus, the arena is easily accessible from I-95 and the Merritt Parkway. **Due to the likelihood of rush-hour traffic on I-95 and because more than 8,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony, expect traffic delays, and allow yourself extra travel time to arrive at the arena. To alleviate traffic congestion, students and families are encouraged to travel together or car pool.**
- Bridgeport Police will be directing traffic to the available parking areas and garages. Please follow as directed by traffic personnel.
- Parking is available in the surface lots surrounding the arena and the Arena Transit Garage. This year the university has secured the use of an additional 1,000 free parking spaces on the UPPER levels of the

- Housatonic Community College Garage. The garage is right off of the highway on Lafayette Blvd.
- Once parked, personnel will be available to direct guests to the arena and students to the assembly area.
- Audience seating in the arena and the graduate procession assembly area opens at 8:15 a.m.
- Ticketed guests will enter the arena through the front entrance.
- Students/Candidates are asked to move immediately to the assembly areas in the transit garage, lower level (Business, Education, and HHS candidates), or the loading dock area at the right rear of the arena (Arts and Sciences candidates). See 1 and 2 below.

DIRECTIONS FROM NEW HAVEN AND NORTH

• I-95 Southbound

Take exit 27 (Lafayette Boulevard). Bear left going down the ramp. Turn left onto Lafayette. Go under I-95. Lots P and D are on the left. Officers will be posted at the intersections to direct you. Please follow the officer's directions.

• Alternative Route - I-95 Southbound

Take exit 29, turn left at the bottom of the ramp, right at the light onto Stratford Avenue. Go straight for 1/2 mile under the bridge and parking is available on the right in the commuter garage.

• Merritt Parkway Southbound

From the Merritt Parkway, take Exit 52, Route 8 to Bridgeport. Follow Route 8 South to its convergence with Route 25. Follow Routes 8/25 to Exit 1. At the bottom of the ramp go left onto Prospect Street. Go past the State Police barracks and turn right (at 2nd light) onto Lafayette Blvd. Go under I-95. Lots P and D are on the left. Officers will be posted at the intersections to direct you. "Please follow the officers' directions."

• Route 8/25 Southbound

Take Exit 3 Main Street - keep left off the exit. Go under the highway and turn left for about 100 yards - turn right onto Water Street. Parking is 1/2 mile on the left in the commuter garage. Parking is a 5-minute walk from the garage to the Arena. Officers will be posted at the intersections to direct you. Please follow the officers' directions.

DIRECTIONS FROM NEW YORK

• I-95 Northbound

I-95 North to Exit 27 (Lafayette Blvd.). At the bottom of the ramp continue straight along South Frontage Road to Lafayette Blvd. Officers will be posted at the intersections to direct you. Please follow the officer's directions.

• Merritt Parkway Northbound

From the Merritt Parkway, take Exit 49, Route 25 towards Bridgeport. Follow Route 25 to its convergence with Route 8. Follow Route 8/25 to Exit 1. At the bottom of the ramp go left onto Prospect Street. Go past the State Police barracks and turn right (at 2nd light) onto Lafayette Blvd. Go under I-95. Lots P and D are on the left. Officers will be posted at the intersections to direct you. Please follow the officers' directions.



- **Primary Lots**
Lot P (on the corner of South Frontage and Broad Street)
Lot D
Transit Garage at Harbor Yard
Housatonic Community College Garage

- **Pay to Park**
Lot H (Under I-95)

- 1 Assembly for Health and Human Services, Education, Business**
- 2 Assembly for Arts and Sciences**