

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** On Commencement Day, there is another event at the venue next to Total Mortgage Arena at the same time. To avoid the heaviest traffic, and ensure you arrive on time, the easiest and quickest parking option will be the nearby Housatonic Community College Garage, accessed from the Merritt Parkway/Route 8. Guests with accessibility needs should park in the Arena Transit Garage next to the arena.

- Located about 30 minutes from campus, Total Mortgage Arena is accessible from both I-95 and the Merritt Parkway. Due to the likelihood of rush-hour traffic on I-95 and because about 8,000 people will be attending the ceremony, expect traffic delays, and allow extra travel time to arrive at the arena. To alleviate traffic congestion, students and families are encouraged to travel together, carpool or use Metro-North train services (the Bridgeport station is about an 8-minute walk to the arena). If you drive, approaching from the Merritt Parkway and using the Housatonic Community College Garage will also help relieve congestion from I-95.

- Parking is available in the Arena Transit Garage and the Housatonic Community College Garage, which provides easy access from the Merritt Parkway/Route 8 on Lafayette Blvd. Bridgeport Police will be directing traffic to the parking garages. Please follow as directed by traffic personnel.
- Once you are 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 8:30 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

### Merritt Parkway Southbound to Housatonic Community College Garage

- From the Merritt Parkway, take Exit 52, Route 8 to Bridgeport. Follow Route 8 South to its convergence with Route 25. Follow Route 8/25.
- Take Exit 1D — keep left off the exit and then stay in the left or center lane as you reach Lafayette Circle and turn onto Lafayette Boulevard.
- Entrance to the Housatonic Community College Parking Garage is on the left, off Lafayette Boulevard.
- Parking is a 5-minute walk from the garage to the Arena. Officers will be posted at the intersections to direct you.

### Merritt Parkway Southbound to the Arena Transit Garage:

- From the Merritt Parkway, take Exit 52, Route 25 towards Bridgeport.
- Follow Route 25 to its convergence with Route 8.
- Follow Route 8/25 to Exit 1D.
- Take Exit 1D — keep left off the exit and then stay in the left or center lane as you reach Lafayette Circle and turn onto Lafayette Boulevard.
- Follow Lafayette under I-95 and turn left onto South Frontage Road. The Transit Arena Garage is on South Frontage, just past the arena.

### I-95 Southbound to Arena Transit Garage

- Take exit 27 (Lafayette Boulevard). Bear left going down the ramp.
- Turn left onto Lafayette. Go under I-95 and turn left on South Frontage Road. The Transit Garage is on South Frontage, just past the arena.

## DIRECTIONS FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND NEW YORK

### Merritt Parkway Northbound to the Housatonic Community College Parking Garage:

- 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.
- Take Exit 1D — keep left off the exit and then stay in the left or center lane as you reach Lafayette Circle and turn onto Lafayette Boulevard.
- Entrance to the Housatonic Community College Parking Garage is on the left, off Lafayette Boulevard.
- Parking is a 5-minute walk from the garage to the Arena. Officers will be posted at the intersections to direct you.

### Merritt Parkway Northbound to the Arena Transit Garage:

- 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 and turn left onto Lafayette Blvd. -The Transit Arena Garage is on South Frontage, just past the arena.

### I-95 Northbound

- Merritt Parkway Northbound to the Arena Transit Garage:
- I-95 North to Exit 27 (Lafayette Blvd.).
- At the bottom of the ramp continue straight along South Frontage Road. The Transit Garage is on South Frontage, just past the arena.



### Primary Parking

**Housatonic Community College Garage**  
**Transit Garage at Harbor Yard**

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

**1 Assembly for Health and Human Services, Education, Business**

**2 Assembly for Arts and Sciences**