

Dear Parents of Seniors:

On behalf of the staff and administration of the Mahoning County Career Center, it is with much pleasure and excitement that we are able to announce the particulars for this year's Senior Awards Ceremony! Although plans are still being finalized, the following information should assist you in planning to celebrate the success and accomplishments of your seniors as they leave the Career Center. Most exciting is that this year we will be off campus for a single, schoolwide ceremony as outlined below.

**Location: Powers Auditorium (located in the DeYor Performing Arts Center)
260 W. Federal Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503**

Date: May 22, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. sharp

Overall Particulars of Importance:

May 20 and 21

Ceremony Practice: Since seniors will not practice or be in Powers Auditorium prior to the ceremony it is **MANDATORY** that they attend both practices at the Career Center. Those will be held **Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21.** Seniors need to report to the Career Center at their regular time (7:50 a.m.). We will replicate the procession, seating, and awarding of Career Passports during the practices on our campus. We will also release students after the practice so that they, especially those on early work, will be able to exit campus by approximately 10:30 a.m. **If students do not attend the practices they will not be permitted to walk. The only exception to this is approved home school functions those days. The home schools will provide lists to us.**

May 22, the day of the Ceremony

Senior Line Up: All seniors need to be at Powers no later than 8:00 a.m. to begin lining up. There will not be any school buses running that day, so all seniors must provide their own transportation to Powers Auditorium. All seniors must have a cap and gown upon arrival to participate in the ceremony. ***** In support of our home schools, decorated caps are prohibited. Seniors will not be permitted to walk with decorated caps.** Seniors will also be advised to limit personal belongings for their ease and convenience.

Parking: Public parking in downtown is available, but it is limited. For that reason we are offering all attendees (seniors and guests) to choose one of the following options:

Shuttle Service: **This option is highly recommended for your ease and convenience. It ensures that you do not need to navigate downtown Youngstown traffic, construction, and parking.** We will provide shuttle service from Stambaugh Auditorium (1005 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio) to Powers. Stambaugh has plenty of free parking for you, and their staff is happy to assist us. The shuttles will run as follows:

7:45 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

8:45 a.m.

No service will run after 8:45 due to the ceremony beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Shuttles will also run after the ceremony in 15 minute increments (for one hour) returning to the Stambaugh lot.

Public Parking: There are numerous public lots near Powers Auditorium. Parking fees for those range from \$3-\$5. We are currently awaiting a map from the Youngstown Street Dept. to assist you in finding their location. Once we receive it, we will highlight the areas of the available lots and make the map available to everyone, both parents and seniors.

Tickets: Due to the number of students participating and the seating capacity of Powers Auditorium, each senior will receive 4 guest tickets. Those will be issued during the mandatory practices. Students will need to sign for the tickets as they are distributed. We realize that some families would like to have more tickets but, unfortunately due to seating logistics, that is not possible. MCCTC staff will be in the box office to collect guest tickets. ***Remember that your student will also have the opportunity to walk at their home school for their actual graduation ceremony providing another opportunity for guests to attend.

Start of the Ceremony: The Awards Ceremony will begin precisely at 9 a.m. with the Senior March. At that time, no guests will be admitted into the auditorium until all of the seniors have been seated. Anyone arriving after 9 a.m. will not be admitted to watch the Senior Processional.

*****We advise if you are not familiar with downtown Youngstown that you take the opportunity to drive to Powers and Stambaugh to begin to familiarize yourself with the area. Most definitely, that will alleviate any stress and ensure you arrive in a timely manner on this most important day for your senior.**

We trust that you are as excited as we are for all of our seniors to be recognized in such a beautiful forum, remembering there are parameters for all of us. Our entire administrative team has worked very hard with all of our partners to make the 2024 Senior Awards Ceremony a memorable experience for our seniors and their families.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and we will continue to update all of our seniors and you as we move closer to the date. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Senior Class Advisor, donna.greer@mahoningctc.com

Thank you,

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