

MEMO

Fall 2023

Subject: Important Notice: Greek Graduation Ceremonies and Song Fest Guidelines

Dear Fraternity & Sorority Life Community,

I trust this message finds you in good health and high spirits. With the **Fall 2023** Commencement ceremony fast approaching on **Friday, December 15, 2023**, it's time for us to come together to celebrate our graduating members. One tradition that resonates deeply within our FAMU Fraternity & Sorority Life community is the heartwarming Song Fest. It's the moment we gather, join hands, and express our emotions through chants, steps, and prayers, symbolizing the profound bonds we share within our organizations.

Since its inception in the fall of 2021 (12.1.21), the Song Fest Memo has remained a cherished tradition and will continue to do so until further notice. As we gear up for the upcoming graduations, I want to inform the FSL community about some important guidelines:

- 1. Location Restrictions:** No organization is permitted to conduct their chapter graduate ceremony in front of any location other than their designated chapter plot or beneath the Bragg Memorial Stadium Bleachers near Gate 17 (East Side) or the opposite end of the eastside bleachers (section K).
- 2. Audio/Speakers:** The use of audio systems or speakers during these ceremonies is prohibited.
- 3. Prohibited Locations:** Graduating ceremonies are not allowed to take place in front of or near the following areas:
 - Gaither Gym or Gaither Lawn
 - The CASS Building and Rattler statue
 - A.L. Lawson or its sidewalks, green spaces, or driveway area(s)
- 4. Timing:** All Song Fest-related activities and ceremonies should conclude within 45 minutes after the official commencement event.

We are collaborating closely with the Department of Campus Safety and Security to ensure our ceremonies do not hinder foot or vehicle traffic on sidewalks or traffic intersections. Our goal is to conduct these ceremonies seamlessly and without causing any disruptions.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you in making your graduation ceremonies special and memorable.

Wishing all our graduates a successful and meaningful journey ahead.

Warm regards,

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