Q. What is the Family Friendly Zone?
A. The Family Friendly Zone is a great alternative spot on UC’s campus to see your loved one’s special milestone — graduating from the University of Cincinnati. It is perfect for families with small children or individuals with limited mobility or special needs.

Guests will enjoy a simulcast of the ceremony on a big screen and complimentary refreshments, as well as special treats, activities and games for children.

Join us for a more relaxed and informal way to be part of the graduation celebration, avoiding the walk to and from Fifth Third Arena.

Anyone is welcome at the Family Friendly Zone, from the youngest to the oldest Bearcats, for any reason.

Q. Do I need tickets for the Family Friendly Zone?
A. No tickets are required at the Family Friendly Zone.

Q. How long is the Commencement ceremony?
A. Approximately 2½ hours.

Q. Where is the Family Friendly Zone and how do I get there from the parking garage?
A. The Family Friendly Zone will be located inside the air-conditioned comfort of the Myers Alumni Center.

Take a look at the map included in this mailing for parking garage information and routes to the Family Friendly Zone. Immediately following the ceremony, join family members for the reception sponsored by the Alumni Association — without leaving your spot!

Q. Do I need to have a handicap vehicle tag or plate to “qualify to park” in the University Avenue Garage?
A. Everyone with limited mobility is welcome.

Q. I have limited mobility but I’d prefer to see the formal ceremony inside Fifth Third Arena. Is that okay?
A. Of course! All guests with limited mobility should enter at the northeast corner across from Dabney Hall. A sign will be posted at the entrance and volunteers will be available. Accommodations will extend to you and one other person.

Guests with limited mobility but not requiring floor-level seating will be escorted to special seating inside the arena.

Guests with limited mobility who wish to see the ceremony inside Fifth Third Arena are welcome to take advantage of the shuttle services.

Q. What time does the shuttle begin and end?
A. You have two options:
• Golf Cart Shuttling to and from the Family Friendly Zone at the Myers Alumni Center and the University Avenue Garage.
• Shuttle bus to and from the accessible drop off location at the University Avenue Garage and the Dabney Circle.

Shuttle service begins
1½ hours before ceremony begins.
Shuttle service ends
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The University Avenue Garage (first level) has been designated as the parking area for all guests with special needs or who may have difficulty walking to all the events during the graduation weekend.

Directions to University Avenue Garage

- From Martin Luther King Drive, turn south into University Avenue Garage.
- From Jefferson Avenue, enter campus via University Avenue. Turn north (right) into the University Avenue Garage.

For guests requiring assistance, there will be three options outside of the garage:

- A shuttle bus to Dabney Circle (near Fifth Third Arena)
- Golf cart to the Family Friendly Zone at the Alumni Center
- Accessible Car Dropoff

Other garages

Campus parking garages are available at all entrances to the UC Campus and parking is free. However, not all garages are in close proximity to Fifth Third Arena.