

Grad Bash Parade & Celebration



General Information

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| WHEN | Saturday, May 7, 2022 |
| WHERE | South Charleston Campus |
| PARADE ROUTE | Advance Technology Center (Toyota Hall) -> up the hill -> B2000 Parking Lot |

Students can arrive at Advance Technology Center beginning at 9:00am. Upon arrival, participants will be checked in, given a participant number, and be directed to their location. Once parked, vehicles can be decorated. Students will also be able to pick up their Graduate Yard Sign, if they signed up to receive one.

The parade will begin at 11:00am at the Advance Technology Center (Toyota Hall) and a lead car will guide participants to B2000. At B2000, students will be greeted by BridgeValley President Dr. Sacks and will be handed their gift, etc.

Students will park in B2000 parking lot to remove parade decorations from their vehicle. After the parade, students, graduates and their guests are invited to join the celebration. At the celebration there will be games, food, music, photo booth, and much more excitement!

Friends and family can line up anywhere between the entrance of the B2000 parking lot and Union Carbide Drive. Please be sure to have everyone in place by 10:30am. Spectators can park at designated "Guest Parking" areas (please look for the signs).

If you or your guests need special accommodations, please contact Spencer.Poling@BridgeValley.edu by Wednesday, May 4.

Parade Kits

Kits include basic vehicle decoration supplies, two large poster boards, and a 2022 graduation t-shirt.

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| PICK UP DAYS | Tuesday, May 3 4:00 – 6:00pm B2000 (South Charleston) |
| | Wednesday, May 4 11:00am – 1:00pm B2000 (South Charleston) |
| | Thursday, May 5 4:00 – 6:00pm B2000 (South Charleston) |

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Parade and Participant Guidelines

General Vehicle Rules

- Driver must possess a valid driver's license
- Must possess proof of current insurance covering the participating vehicle
- Four wheelers (ATVs), motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, and scooters are not allowed
- Participants must be contained in the vehicle during the parade (no walking)
- Decorations are limited to the vehicle only (no floats)
- The parade is a showcase of graduates and no candy or other trinkets may be handed out

Procession

All parade vehicles must check in at the Advanced Technology Center (Toyota Hall) parking lot upon arrival and will be given a parade participant number.

Vehicles must maintain appropriate distances (two car lengths) from the entry in front of them. Large gaps between vehicles can pose a safety hazard as can following a vehicle too close.

In case of an emergency, parade participants must move to the right of the parade route to allow clear access for emergency vehicles.

The number of people riding in a vehicle shall not exceed the number of people the vehicle is designed to carry (i.e., number of seatbelts in a car).

Vehicle Passengers

- Participants may not jump off or onto a moving vehicle at any time
- Participants may not sit, stand, or ride on vehicle hoods or trunks
- Participants may not sit, stand, or ride on vehicles or equipment not intended for passengers

Pick-up Trucks

Participants may not ride in the bed of a pick-up truck.

Convertible Vehicles

Parade participants may not sit on the back edge or top of the back seat of a convertible automobile. Instead, riders must be seated and belted in the car seats.

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Parade Decorations: “Pathfinder Pride”

Participants may use whatever materials they choose to decorate their vehicles. Items must be tightly secured to the vehicle so they do not come off during the procession.

Other Considerations

- Vehicles can begin arriving at 9:00am and can be decorated in the parking lot of the Advance Technology Center (Toyota Hall) (vehicles must be fully decorated by 10:45am)
- Participants can use the materials provided in the Parade Decorating Kit as well as any additional decorations of their choosing
- Decorations must be appropriate and may not contain offensive matter or language
- The participant number must be visible through the windshield on the right-hand corner of the dash

Judging Criteria

- The theme for judging is “Pathfinder Pride”
- Vehicles will be judged on creativity and theme incorporation
- Participants can choose to use the school colors (Red, Green, Black, Silver), highlight their major, or get creative with other ideas

Judging Process

- Vehicles will be judged at the entrance of the B2000 parking lot
- Prizes will be announced after the event at the celebration and awards given out at that time
 - 1st Place: \$300 Visa gift card
 - 2nd Place: \$200 Visa gift card
 - 3rd Place: \$100 Visa gift card
 - 4th Place: \$50 Visa gift card
 - President’s Choice: BridgeValley Diploma Frame

Participation Conduct

Graduates can wear their caps/gowns, program uniforms, or regular clothing (nothing offensive).

Throwing of items (including candy, beads, and balloons) to the crowd by participants is not allowed.

The use of water guns, silly string, etc., to be dispensed from the vehicle is not allowed.

No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco use or presence is allowed at any time.