Parents Association Points Program

The points program was established to encourage parent participation on and off campus. Six points are currently required for reserved seating at Commencement. These points can be earned over the entire duration of your student’s undergraduate or graduate studies here at UCR. It’s a fun and easy way of making Commencement an extra special day.

Here are a few facts about the program:

1. Each volunteer opportunity is worth one point per parent or family member. We record points based on Parents Association activities rather than number of hours spent as a volunteer. All volunteer opportunities are under three hours and most are under two hours.

2. Each parent or family member can earn a point for volunteering. Students and siblings over the age of twelve are allowed to participate. Minors require permission from a parent or guardian.

3. Points are accumulated on a per-family (or per-student) basis. Getting the family involved is a great way to catch up on points.

4. The number of points earned does not equal the number of reserved seats offered. This is determined by the Commencement Office in April or May and depends on the availability of reserved seats at your son or daughter’s ceremony.

5. Parents and family can also earn a ½ point by attending one of the three annual parent meetings.

6. You can check on your parent point total by contacting ucrparents@ucr.edu.

7. Most of the volunteer opportunities are on campus, but there are some activities that can be completed at home or in your neighborhood if you live outside the area. Visit the volunteer page for more information.

8. Parents with six points before spring of their student’s graduation will be contacted by the Parents Association in May, with instructions on how to obtain reserved seating tickets. Students must pick up the tickets or they can send written authorization for their parent to pick them up.

*Please note that the reserved seating tickets (like general Commencement tickets) ultimately belong to the student, and they can distribute them to friends and family as they choose. This is done for the safety and well-being of our students.

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