



Congratulations on Earning Your 2024 PPA Degree!

We're looking forward to celebrating with you at the Award & Degree Ceremony on Monday, January 29, 2024, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Below you'll find all the important information regarding your participation in this ceremony.

- **Award & Degree Webinar — Save the Date**

When: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, from 2–3:30pm EST

Register Here: [ImagingUSA.com/ADwebinar](https://imagingusa.com/ADwebinar)

Join us for an informational webinar as we go over ceremony details and review a few housekeeping items. Degree recipients must register for this webinar prior to the webinar being held to receive a join link on the day of.

This webinar will be recorded. The full recording will be emailed to all degree recipients up to 24 hours after the webinar ends.

- **Ceremony Day Check-In — REQUIRED**

When: January 29, 2024, from 1–3pm

Where: KICC, Ballroom A, Main Concourse

Check-in for the ceremony begins at 1pm on Monday. Following your check-in and portrait session, you will be able to verify the pronunciation of your name.

- **Individual Portrait Sessions — OPTIONAL**

When: Monday, January 29, from 1–3pm

Where: KICC, Ballroom A, Main Concourse

Individual portraits of you, your sponsor, and the PPA President will be taken. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 print. Keeping safety precautions in mind, the portrait session will be staggered by last name. You will receive a designated time slot in early January, prior to the convention.

PPA AWARD & DEGREE CEREMONY
JANUARY 29, 2024

PPA AWARD & DEGREE CEREMONY: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- **Ceremony Briefing**

When: Monday, January 29, 2024, from 3:30-4pm

Where: KICC, Ballroom C, Main Concourse

We'll review the ceremony flow and answer your questions.

We understand that you would like to sit with family and friends. However, it's important that you sit in your assigned seat to help make the ceremony run smoothly and ensure that each recipient has a moment in the spotlight.

- **Award & Degree Ceremony**

When: Monday, January 29, from 5-6:30pm

Where: KICC, Ballroom C, Main Concourse

As we are celebrating the tremendous achievement of many photographers, we ask that you be in your assigned seat by no later than 4:50pm. Doors open at 4:30pm and the ceremony will begin promptly at 5pm.

Ceremony Attire:

Men - Suit/tuxedo with collared shirt required.

Tuxedo rentals available from [Menguin.com](https://www.menguin.com).

Women - Cocktail dress or Sunday best.

Designer clothing rental available from [RentTheRunway.com](https://www.renttherunway.com)

Additional questions about the ceremony?
Email those to merits@ppa.com or call 404-522-8600
We look forward to celebrating with you!

PPA AWARD & DEGREE CEREMONY: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The purpose of the Award & Degree Ceremony is to celebrate and honor each of your achievements. To help ensure you receive the recognition you deserve, here are some housekeeping tips:

1. Follow your seating assignments

We understand that sitting with friends and family adds to your enjoyment of tonight's festivities. However, the ceremony is designed around your seat to ensure your name is called at the correct time.

2. No photography during the ceremony

We kindly ask that family and friends abstain from taking photos during the Award & Degree Ceremony. Stopping to pose for photos on stage can greatly delay the ceremony. Photos may be taken before or after the ceremony with your family and friends. Please share this with your family and friends. We appreciate your understanding.

3. You will be brought to the stage well in advance of your cue

If you are to appear on stage, a PPA staff member will come to escort you or your group backstage. This will help minimize movement in the seating area and reduce distractions from the on-stage presentations.

4. To receive your degree, you and your sponsor will be escorted to the side of the stage by a PPA staff member. When your name is read, you will walk to the center of the stage with your sponsor. At this point, your sponsor will hang your ribbon around your neck. Then you will both continue to the far side of the stage to shake hands with PPA President Kira Derryberry before returning to your assigned seat.

5. After you exit the stage, return to your assigned seat

Following the presentation of all degrees, PPA President Kira Derryberry will read the degree charge.

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PPA AWARD & DEGREE CEREMONY: SCHEDULE

Monday, January 29, 2024

KICC, Ballroom A, Main Concourse

1-3:30pm Individual portraits with degree recipient, sponsor,
and PPA President

KICC, Ballroom C, Main Concourse

3:30-4pm Briefing/Rehearsal with all degree recipients

4:30pm Doors open for the Award & Degree Ceremony

5-6:30pm Award & Degree Ceremony

PPA AWARD & DEGREE CEREMONY: DEGREE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

To order Degree promotional items, please visit [PPA.com/OrderForm](https://ppa.com/OrderForm).

All orders must be placed by November 30, 2023.

Please allow at least seven weeks from the November 30, 2023 deadline for processing of engraved degree plaques.

Your order must be accompanied by your payment.

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