



Congratulations on Earning Your PPA Degree!

We're looking forward to celebrating with you at the Award & Degree Ceremony on Tuesday, February 2, 2027, at the Charlotte Convention Center, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

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

When: Monday, January 11, 2027 from 2–3pm 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. Recipients must register for this webinar before January 11, 2027 to receive a link to join.

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

- **Award & Degree Q&A**

When: Monday, January 18, 2027 from 2–3pm EST

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

Join us for a virtual Q&A with our Director of Member Value and Experience and Member Engagement Specialist. This is your time to share any lingering questions you have from our Award & Degree ceremony webinar before traveling to the convention.

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

When: Tuesday, February 2, 2027 from 1–3pm EST

Where: The Hub

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

PPA AWARD & DEGREE CEREMONY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2027

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- **Individual Portrait Sessions — OPTIONAL**

When: Tuesday, February 2, 2027 from 1–3pm EST

Where: The Hub

Individual portraits of you, your sponsor, and the PPA President will be taken. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 print. You will receive a designated time slot in early December, prior to the convention.

- **Award & Degree Recipients: Q&A**

When: Tuesday, February 2, 2027 from 3:15–4pm EST

Where: Crown Ballroom, Foyer, Meeting Level

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

While we understand you'd like to sit with family and friends, sitting in your assigned seat helps us make the ceremony run smoothly and ensures each recipient has a moment in the spotlight.

- **Award & Degree Ceremony**

When: Tuesday, February 2, 2027 from 5–6:30pm EST

Where: Crown Ballroom, Meeting Level

As we celebrate the tremendous achievements of photographers, we ask you to be in your assigned seat no later than 4:45pm. 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 evening wear.

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

Additional questions about the ceremony?

Email merits@ppa.com or call 404-522-8600

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The purpose of the Award & Degree Ceremony is to celebrate and honor your achievements. We want to ensure you receive the recognition you deserve, so please review the following housekeeping tips:

1. Follow your seating assignment

We understand you may wish to sit with friends and family, but following the assigned seating is key to keeping the ceremony running smoothly for everyone.

2. No photography during the ceremony

We kindly ask family and friends to abstain from taking photos during the Award & Degree Ceremony, as stopping for photos on stage can interrupt and delay the ceremony. Please let your family and friends know they may take as many photos as they like after the ceremony.

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. How to walk the stage with your sponsor

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. Your sponsor will place your ribbon around your neck. Together, you will both walk to the far side of the stage to shake hands with PPA President, Makayla Harris, before returning to your assigned seat.

5. Following the presentation of all degrees, PPA President Makayla Harris will read the degree charge.

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SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 2, 2027

Crown Ballroom

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

Crown Ballroom, Meeting Level

3:15-4pm Award & Degree Recipients: Q&A
with all degree recipients

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

5-6:30pm Award & Degree Ceremony

RUN OF SHOW

Image Excellence Awards

Image Excellence Bars

Double Degree

Photographic Craftsman

Master Artist

Master of Photography

Master of Wedding Photography

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DEGREE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

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

All orders must be placed by December 5, 2026.

Please allow at least seven weeks from the December 5, 2026 deadline for processing of engraved degree plaques.

Your order must be accompanied by your payment.

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