

**American National University-BRT, NVL, MEM**  
**2018 Commencement Ceremony**

1. parking - open parking at the church
2. program order information – I have no idea what this means
3. Expected time of arrival – All grads should arrive by 1:00pm for a dress rehearsal.
4. any other particular details your grads should know
5. The graduation ceremony begins at 2:00pm and is being held at **Ellendale Baptist Church, 3861 Broadway Road in Bartlett, TN**. The church is approximately 3 hours from the Nashville campus.
6. **Graduates must be at the church by 1:00pm for a rehearsal.**
7. Associate degree graduates: You will have a “hood” with your cap and gown. It is worn with the point in the front and hanging down the back.
8. Some caps and gowns will come with cords. 1 gold cord=Honors (3.5 to 3.74 GPA); 2 gold cords=High Honors (3.75 or higher GPA); red/white/blue cord=Veteran; turquoise cord=Tutor. High Honor cords are tied together in the middle. All cords are worn around the neck to hang down your front.
9. While graduates will have reserved seating, the rest of the seating will be first come-first served. The church has seating on the main level as well as a balcony. Last year the entire church was filled
10. When you come on stage, you will be receiving an empty diploma cover. You will receive your actual diploma immediately after the ceremony. Don't panic when you see your folio is empty.
11. Tassels are worn on the RIGHT side of your cap until after everyone has received their “diploma”. You will THEN move your tassel to the left as a group.