

# Bear Path-- Instructions for Faculty

First of all, thank you for your continuous support of Bear Path since its beginning in 2012. The annual event marks the connection of the students' academic and co-curricular life at Missouri State University. Over the years we have identified areas for continual improvement, and hope that this year's event will be more successful than the last.

As we prepare for the event, we wanted to pass along some better instructions regarding your role and staging positions to kick off the Bear Path inside the atrium of JQH Arena. As the first segment of Bear Path, your positions are of high importance, so we want to make sure we give you the best information to prepare for the event.

Instructions:

- As you exit the floor following the New Student Convocation, please head for the main entrance to the building (east doors)
- Andy Wright will be located in the atrium to help direct you to your staging areas
  - o A line of faculty and platform party will form a diagonal line from the gated area on the left to the southern-most external doors.
  - o A line of faculty and platform party will form a diagonal line from the gated area on the right to the southern-most external doors.
- Sugar Bears, Cheerleaders, and Boomer will be staged just outside the external doors on the east patio of the arena to begin the outdoor lines.
- Dismissal order:
  - o All current students in attendance will be dismissed by organization type (Fraternity & Sorority Life, Other Student Organizations, Residence Life Staff)
  - o A gap between the groups will be created by Dean Mike Jungers making remarks about the Bear Path and showing a video about getting involved. While this is happening, please maintain your position.
  - o New students will be dismissed by seating location
    - Lower bowl north and south sections
    - Lower bowl east section (below Prime Overtime)
    - Floor seats
- Once the final new student is past the faculty lines, you are welcome to join them on the path or depart for the day.

Should you have any questions about your staging position, please look for Andy Wright for additional direction.

Thank you again for your support and participation in this event. Your presence is special to our new students and is a huge impact in the symbolism of the event.