

Dear Grads,

Our Graduate Representative Organization team is very excited to officially announce our largest intercampus event of the year, co-sponsored by the School of Education(SOE), Life Design Lab (LDL), and the Student Affairs Office: **2024 Graduate Spring Formal!**

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the **Lord Baltimore Hotel**, a historic gem in downtown Baltimore. On Saturday, April 20th, from 8 pm to 12 am, immerse yourself in the charm and elegance of the event. Indulge in a delightful spread of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, accompanied by your choice of four beverages from our selection of cocktails, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic mocktails. Enjoy enchanting performances and entertainment, including tunes from our talented DJ and a photo booth station to capture your favorite memories. Don't miss out—reserve your tickets now and join us for a relaxed yet sophisticated celebration at one of Baltimore's most beloved landmarks.

Our spring formal is only open to graduate students from Homewood (KSAS and Whiting except for AAP and EP), School of Nursing, Peabody, and School of Education. Ticket sales will start on **April 8th, Monday, at 12:00 PM** via Hopkins Groups. Homewood student tickets will be evenly divided up into five-time slots throughout the week:

**Monday, April 8th, 2024, at 6 PM**

**Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, at 12 PM**

**Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, at 6 PM**

**Thursday, April 11th, 2024, at 12 PM**

**Friday, April 12th, 2024, at 12 PM**

Each student may purchase up to two tickets and can only bring one external guest. The link to purchase tickets is [here](#).

**Date and Time:** Saturday, April 20, 8pm-12am

**Venue:** The Lord Baltimore Hotel, 20 W Baltimore St, Baltimore, MD, 21201

**Dress code:** Black Tie or Ethnic Formal Wear

**Ticket price:** \$35/person

**Please read through the following Q&A if you have any questions about the formal:**

1. How many formal tickets in total will be released and what are the numbers of tickets being distributed to each school?

Ans: This year we are releasing **a total of 500 tickets**. Based on the population of each campus as well as their financial contribution, GRO allocated 400 tickets for Homewood students, 20 tickets for School of Nursing, 80 tickets for both Peabody and School of Education, as shown on the Hopkins

Groups event portal. There will be no more tickets being released once 500 tickets are sold. If you want to secure your ticket(s) to the formal, please be sure to log into your Hopkins Group event portal five minutes before ticket sale time.

2. Are the tickets refundable?

Ans: Yes, you can request a refund for your ticket(s) over Hopkins Groups until **2 days** before the formal. Once you pass the deadline, GRO will no longer process your refund requests. If you pass the refund deadline and have a time conflict with the formal, you can sell your tickets to others who are interested and the new ticket holders will check in to the event using your name.

3. What is the dress code of the event?

Ans: The dress code will be either black tie formal or ethnic formal wear. Ethnic formal wear is encouraged for students from diverse cultural backgrounds. We really appreciate you arriving at the formal in your formal wear.

4. How can I get to the venue?

Ans: You can take the Hopkins shuttle or a cab to get to the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Unfortunately, GRO doesn't provide any transportation between each campus to the venue.

5. What do I need to bring to the spring formal?

Ans: You will need to bring either your government-issued ID or your Hopkins ID with your DOB to check in with our security. Then you will need to scan the QR code to check into the event.

6. Will coat check service be provided?

Ans: Yes if the weather requires it..

Please follow us on Instagram (@gro\_jhu) to receive the updates about the spring formal. If you have any questions, please avoid replying to [gro@jhu.edu](mailto:gro@jhu.edu) and instead contact us at [skethir2@jhu.edu](mailto:skethir2@jhu.edu). Look forward to seeing you all at the formal!

Sincerely,

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