

2023 Albany State University Foundation Blue and Gold Scholarship Gala Attire Guide



This year's gala theme is the southern chic' of Southwest Georgia's spring apparel - Derby style. A Derby-themed event showcases the finest in spring fashions.

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Ladies



Attire

Ladies wear spring dresses, pastel-colored suits, or bold separates that coordinate with their Derby headwear and accessories. This is a chance for every lady to express her style, so take note when planning your Blue and Gold Scholarship Gala wardrobe!

When selecting your attire, the recommended practice is to find a hat that is best suited to complete your overall look. Let the colors and excitement of spring inspire you as you select floral or unique patterns for your attire.

Headwear

What sets Derby fashion apart is, first and foremost, the hats! From the fantastic to the sublime, the sky is the limit when choosing your Derby hat. Generally, women wear wide-brimmed, Kentucky Derby inspired hats or fascinators. The headwear can be decorated with flowers, feathers, bows, and ribbons of any color to express your creativity and individuality.

Shoes

No Derby outfit is complete without the perfect spring shoes. Be mindful, the event will take place on the L. Orene Hall Building Lawn, so be sure to come prepared with the proper shoes.

Jewelry

Since the hat is the statement of Derby fashion, there's little need for large, statement jewelry. Let your hat be the centerpiece of your attire as your primary accessory and keep the jewelry simple.

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Gentlemen



Attire

Derby fashion provides men the opportunity to get dressed up and decked out for the occasion. Modern Derby attire includes sun-drenched, tropical colors in bold stripes or busy plaid and bright pastels. If you would like a more polished look, a classic navy or seersucker blazer is always in style.

For pants, gentlemen have the option of wearing sun-drenched or vibrant colors such as key lime, ocean, or bermuda pink. Any one of these colors paired with the right shirt and jacket will display your peak southern-chic derby fashion.

A great dress shirt in a complementary color will go a long way for the remainder of your attire. Don't be afraid to grab a fun checkered or striped shirt to top everything off!

The jacket combines everything, and you can't go wrong with a classic navy blazer. For a polished look, it is recommended to sport a 3-button side vent.

Tie

Next is the tie. Most gentlemen wear a necktie, but a bow tie is always a great option. If you have never worn a bow tie, try it out for this occasion, you may find that it's your new style.

Shoes

It is recommended to wear a comfortable yet classic sperry boat shoes.

Headwear

Top off your attire with a fedora or bowler hat for the complete southern chic Derby look. A sleek fedora trimmed in colors to match a suit is timeless and always a classic look. Men's Derby hats are generally solid in color and inspired by styles from the 1920s.

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This information was collected from the following:

- Kentucky Derby, What to Wear, <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/visit/what-to-wear>
- Kentucky Derby, Fashion and Lifestyle, <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/blog/style>

