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SUS Prohibits Disruptions of Florida Commencement Ceremonies

TALLAHASSEE, FL (April 30, 2024) – Today, Chancellor Ray Rodrigues sent a [memo](#) to the 12 presidents of the State University System of Florida advising institutions to ensure commencements aren't canceled or disrupted by activists.

“Thanks to the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature, our universities have the statutory tools necessary to prevent the spread of antisemitism currently invading higher education across our country,” said Chancellor Ray Rodrigues. “Commencement ceremonies are a time to recognize our graduates for the honors they have earned; they are not a platform for disruptive political activism of any stripe, especially activism for genocidal terrorists.”

Under Governor Ron DeSantis' leadership, Florida has implemented several policies to ensure Jewish students are protected from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and violence. This includes ensuring that all students have a safe environment for all educational programs and activities. For additional information about laws pertaining to discrimination and antisemitism, please see the [memo](#) sent on October 9, 2023.

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About the State University System of Florida and the Board of Governors
The State University System of Florida is a constitutional body led by the 17-member Board of Governors. The System has 12 universities and more than 430,000 students, making it the second-largest public university system in the nation. Florida has held the top spot in U.S. News & World Report for higher education since the inception of the rankings in 2017. Responsibilities include defining the distinctive mission of each institution and managing the System's coordination and operation. The Board appoints a Chancellor who serves as the System's chief executive. For more information, visit flbog.edu or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).