

Students Participating in Commencement Events

Important Graduation Information



Graduates, administrators, faculty, staff, and guests will all be socially distanced at all times during Commencement events. Processions in and out of events will also be socially distanced. Masks will be required for all in attendance, including those participating and working the events. Please see the attached seating chart for Commencement. Each graduate will be limited to 6 guest passes for field seating. Additional seating will be available in the grandstands.

Wednesday, April 28

Cap & Gown Pickup

- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center
- Students will be asked to complete two name cards that include the phonetic spelling of their name
- Cords & hoods will be included in the cap & gown packages

Friday, April 30

Baccalaureate Mass (Begins at 6:00 p.m.)

- **Arrive by 5:30 p.m.**
- Graduates will wear gowns & honor cords – **NO CAPS, NO HOODS**
- Graduates line up in the Alma Grace McDonough Center in random order, socially distanced six feet apart

Saturday, May 1

Photography Session (9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

- Prestige will be set up at the Alma Grace McDonough Center to take individual photos of graduates
- No appointment needed - Photos will be taken at no charge and will be viewable online for ordering

Commencement (Begins at 11:30 a.m.)

- **Arrive by 10:30 a.m.**
- Graduating students will check-in and line up in the gymnasium of the Alma Grace McDonough Center
- Remember to **bring cap, gown, hood, and any cords and/or other awards**
- All persons attending commencement ceremonies, besides the graduating student, will need to proceed to the Bishop Schmitt Field to be directed to your reserved seating section
- Gates will open at 10:00 a.m. and masks will be provided at gates along with infrared thermal temperature screening
- At 11:25 a.m., no one will be permitted to enter the field until after the procession has finished

General Information

- **NO CELL PHONES!!!!**
- Graduates need to give phones, purses, cameras, etc. to parents or other family members – these items cannot be carried during the procession for Baccalaureate or Commencement
- Security will be directing parking after 4:00 p.m. on Friday through Saturday morning
- **Parking will be difficult on Saturday morning. Please tell family and friends to arrive early to allow sufficient time to park and enter Bishop Schmitt Field.**
- Seating for guests with disabilities will be available. Please notify the President's Office prior to arrival so that arrangements may be made by calling 304-243-2233
- **LIVE STREAMING** will be available to watch by going to <https://mountaincast.tv/wheeling/>