

COMMENCEMENT



MAY 13, 2023



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Wittenberg Families,

On behalf of all of us at Wittenberg University, I am delighted to invite you to our Commencement Exercises on May 13, 2023. This is a monumental occasion as we celebrate your graduates' accomplishments and uphold the tradition of excellence that has defined our University and generations of distinguished alumni. Together, light has been passed, and we are confident that your student will lead with light on every path that awaits.

To assist you in your planning, we are providing this communication, which we hope will provide you with helpful information leading up to this special day. We look forward to having you join us in our beloved Commencement Hollow this spring.

Best regards,

Michael L. Frandsen, Ph.D.
President

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

Baccalaureate Service

4:15 p.m. (Pre-service music at 4 p.m.)

Weaver Chapel

Planned by the University pastor and members of the senior class, the Baccalaureate Service lasts approximately one hour. Graduates do not wear their academic regalia.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Commencement Exercises

11:30 a.m. (Ceremony begins)

Commencement Hollow

Venue opens at 9:30 a.m. All guests must be seated by 11 a.m. Graduates report to the assembly location no later than 10:45 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, Commencement Exercises will take place in Pam Evans Smith Arena, located in the Health, Wellness & Athletics (HWA) Complex.



Caps and Gowns

Wittenberg hosted the Countdown to Commencement event on Friday, Feb. 17, where graduating seniors were able to pre-order their cap and gown. If your student has not yet ordered their cap and gown, they may do so at www.herffjones.com/product/graduation/.

The deadline for online ordering of caps and gowns for the 2023 Commencement Exercises is **April 10, 2023**. For assistance, please contact the University bookstore at SM686@bncollege.com or Ana Cabezas, interim store manager, at ACabezas@bncollege.com.

Tickets

Tickets will be required for an indoor ceremony. Each graduate will receive six tickets, which will be available for pick-up during the Senior Salute event on Thursday, April 20, 2023 (rain date: April 27, 2023). Extra tickets may be requested by your graduate, but are not guaranteed. To request additional tickets, visit www.wittenberg.edu/commencement and complete the Extra Ticket Request Form.

Parking

On the day of Commencement, parking will be available in several locations. Special arrangements have been made to accommodate parking for those with limited mobility. Officers will be at various parking lots and other locations to assist you with your needs.

Accessible parking for outdoor Commencement Exercises is located behind Recitation Hall and Carnegie Hall. Accessible parking for indoor Commencement Exercises is located in the Upper Lot, across from the Health, Wellness & Athletics (HWA) Complex. A shuttle service will be provided prior to and after the ceremony for those with

mobility issues. Please visit www.wittenberg.edu/commencement for more detailed parking information.

Seating

Commencement Exercises will begin at 11:30 a.m. Access to the venue will be restricted until 9:30 a.m. All guests must be seated by 11 a.m. Commencement Hollow will be set up with approximately 3,000 chairs. Visitors are welcomed to bring their own chairs or blankets.

Photography

Each year, the University partners with GradImages, a leader in Commencement photography, to take photos for purchase of graduates receiving their diplomas. More information on this service will be forthcoming.

Commencement Flowers

Mortar Board, a national honorary that recognizes seniors for scholarship, leadership, and service, will hold its annual flower sale to honor all graduates. Seniors are grateful to receive recognition of their milestone accomplishment, and receiving flowers on this special day enhances their recognition. Parents and families of graduates can pre-order flowers for their graduate, and the flowers will be available for pick-up on the day of Commencement. To place your order, visit www.wittenberg.edu/commencement.



For More Information

Visit www.wittenberg.edu/commencement to sign up for email communications. Click on Parent Resources, and then click on Sign Up For Parent Communications.

For general questions, contact Brandee Bates Kern, director of donor experience and stewardship in the Office of University Advancement, at bbates@wittenberg.edu or (937) 327-6405.

For questions regarding diplomas and graduation eligibility, contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@wittenberg.edu or (937) 327-6131.

Scan the QR code to link to the Commencement website.





Parking

Recitation Hall

Accessible parking

Carnegie Hall

Accessible parking

Benham-Pence Student Center

Krieg Hall

Tower Hall/Firestine Hall

Kuss Science Center

HWA Upper Lot

Accessible parking (rain site)



Restrooms

Recitation Hall

Blair Hall

Accessible restrooms

Weaver Chapel

Accessible restrooms

Carnegie Hall

Portable restrooms located behind building

Accessible restrooms

Ferncliff Hall



“This is a lovely spot for the location of a literary institution. It requires some faith to believe that in after years it will be an academic grove, to which hundreds will drink at the pure fountains of knowledge, and go forth into the world to do good, to bless mankind.”

- Ezra Keller, Founder and First President of Wittenberg College (1845-1848)



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