



COMMENCEMENT MEMORANDUM TO 2023 GRADUATES AND FAMILIES

FROM: Lauren Bowen, Ph.D.
Provost

DATE: February 8, 2023

Congratulations!! You are soon to graduate from Juniata College. This memo contains all the pertinent information with regard to logistics in anticipation of Commencement Day. Please read it carefully and save it!!

All members of the graduating class (those who completed their work at the end of the fall 2022 Semester and those who are candidates in May and August of 2023) are expected to participate in the activities of Commencement weekend. Commencement and Baccalaureate will be held on the campus quad located in front of Halbritter Center for the Performing Arts, if weather permits. The rain location is Memorial Gymnasium in the Kennedy Sports+Recreation Center.

Please note the following:

1. To prepare for Commencement Exercises, all students should plan to attend Senior Salute on Thursday, March 30th from 10:00 am-6:00 pm in Sill Boardroom of von Liebig Science Center. Students will pick up their caps and gowns and complete all necessary steps in anticipation of graduation. This includes requesting graduation tickets.
2. Report for rehearsal at **10:00 a.m., Friday, May 12th**, on the Quad. In the event of rain, rehearsal will take place in the Kennedy Sports+Recreation Center.
3. Participation in the Baccalaureate service at **5:30 p.m., Friday, May 12th**, is strongly encouraged. Baccalaureate is an interfaith service that celebrates the ways in which graduates have understood and affirmed their personal beliefs as a foundation for building lives of meaning and purpose. There is a procession of the degree candidates and the faculty of the College. A reception follows that includes heavy hors d'oeuvres for students, families, staff and faculty following Baccalaureate. The event will take place on Scott Street; between Kennedy Sports and Recreation Center and Leshner Hall. The reception will take place in Baker Refectory in the event of rain.
4. Participation in Commencement at **10:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 13th**, is required. Requests to be excused from Commencement need to be submitted to me at commencement@juniata.edu no later than April 15th and should only be made under extraordinary circumstances.
5. A Schedule of Events document is included.
6. Please visit <https://www.juniata.edu/commencement/> for additional information about parking, housing, meals and videos and photos. Questions can be directed to commencement@juniata.edu.

We look forward to celebrating with you on May 12th and May 13th!