

Dear Class of 2024:

Congratulations!! You are soon to graduate from Juniata College. This memo contains all the pertinent information about 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 2023 Semester and those who are candidates in May and August of 2024) are invited to participate in the activities of Commencement weekend. Commencement 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. Baccalaureate will be held in Rosenberger Auditorium in the Halbritter Center for the Performing Arts.

*Please note the following:*

1. To prepare for Commencement Exercises, all students should plan to attend Senior Salute on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-6:00 pm** in Ellis Ballroom. **Please register for Senior Salute [here](#).**
2. Students **must** visit the [Jostens](#) website to order their regalia. **Orders must be completed by February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Students will pick up their caps and gowns and complete all necessary steps in anticipation of graduation, this includes requesting graduation tickets. (December graduates can make alternative arrangements; please email [commencement@juniata.edu](mailto:commencement@juniata.edu))
3. Report for rehearsal for Commencement at **10:00 a.m., Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>,** on the Quad. In the event of rain, rehearsal will take place in the Kennedy Sports+Recreation Center.
4. Participation in the Baccalaureate service **at 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>,** 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 in academic regalia. A reception will follow.
5. Participation in Commencement at **10:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>,** is required. Requests to be excused from Commencement need to be submitted to [commencement@juniata.edu](mailto:commencement@juniata.edu) no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> and should only be made under extraordinary circumstances.

6. A Schedule of Events is attached.
7. Please visit <https://www.juniata.edu/commencement/> for additional information about parking, housing, meals, videos and photos.

As you may already know, President Jim Troha is on sabbatical this semester. He will not be at our commencement so that he may attend the graduation ceremonies for each of his three children, all of whom will receive degrees the same weekend that you graduate from Juniata. While he regrets his absence, we are pleased that he can focus on being a proud parent and celebrate these milestones with his family. We are honored to lead this year's graduation proceedings and assure you of a memorable weekend!

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement! We eagerly anticipate celebrating with you on May 10th and 11th.

If you have questions in the meantime, please send them to [commencement@juniata.edu](mailto:commencement@juniata.edu).

**Lauren Bowen, Ph.D.**

*Acting President, Spring 2024*

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