

**TO GRADUATING SENIORS**  
**UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION**



**READ CAREFULLY!!!**

- 1) **Caps and Gowns** - Caps and gowns will be distributed from Beamer Center Coray Alumni Gym as part of GradFest on Monday, May 6 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (times to be confirmed). During the Commencement ceremony, caps should be worn flat on your head. Hang your gown on a hanger, but **do not iron it**. Dress shoes should be worn with your cap and gown; please do not wear sneakers or flip-flops. We do not recommend that women wear high-heeled shoes, since you have to climb up and down bleachers. Dress shirts and ties are appropriate for men.  
**Those students who are coming in from out of town for Commencement can either have someone pick up their cap and gown for them at GradFest, or they can pick it up in the Registrar's Office during office hours on May 7-9, or AFTER rehearsal on Friday May 10.**
- 2) **Rehearsal** - Rehearsal for Commencement and Baccalaureate will begin promptly at Buswell library at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10. At that time you will receive specific instructions for lining up, marching, seating, and receiving diplomas.
- 3) **Baccalaureate** - Baccalaureate is a worship service honoring graduates, and Dr. Ryken will speak. It will be held from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 12, in Edman Chapel. Caps and gowns will be worn, and you need to be present to line up no later than 8:30 a.m. at Buswell Library. Seniors and graduate students will sit together for Baccalaureate. Guests do not need tickets for this service.
- 4) **Commencement** - Commencement will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 12, in Edman Chapel. You need to be present to line up no later than 2:15 p.m. at Buswell Library. Specific locations for lining up will be given at rehearsal.  
  
Guests with tickets will be admitted to Edman Chapel; guests without tickets may use overflow seating with closed circuit HD television available in Beamer Center, Coray Alumni Gym or BGC, Barrows Auditorium. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to participate in the weekend activities, even if they do not have a ticket to Edman.
- 5) **Tickets** - See enclosed pink form for tickets. **Submit a ticket request by the March 20 deadline.** You will receive an email informing you how many tickets you have been allocated by the end of March, and tickets will be sent to you at the beginning of May.
- 6) **Hotels** - Please see the enclosed hotel list. When making reservations, mention "Wheaton College rates". Reservations should be made **NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT.**
- 7) **Other Events** - Two 2019 COMMENCEMENT EVENTS cards are enclosed. Please share this information with your family. Note the reception on Saturday that the senior class is hosting for you, your family, and the faculty.
- 8) **Photos** - At Commencement, a professional photographer will be taking a picture of you receiving your diploma. You and your family will be able to order prints; information will be sent to your my.wheaton email address. This will eliminate the need for individual photographs by family and relatives inside Edman Chapel.
- 9) **DVD Recordings** - Recordings of Baccalaureate and Commencement may be ordered from Wheaton College Bookstore. An informational flyer is enclosed.
- 10) **Absentia** - If you are not planning to participate in Commencement and have not already told us, you must submit a request to be excused to the Registrar's Office by April 12.
- 11) **Announcements** - Graduation announcements will be available through the Bookstore.
- 12) **Diplomas** - Since final grades for the Spring semester are not due until after Commencement, diplomas will be mailed to the address you indicated on your Application for Degree over the summer after verification that all graduation requirements have been met. You should receive it by August 1. Diplomas will not be mailed if you have a hold from Student Financial Services for either an unpaid bill or incomplete loan exit interview. Be sure to have these items taken care of **before** you leave campus. For questions, email Student Financial Services – sfs@wheaton.edu.

*If you have any additional questions concerning Commencement weekend, please contact the Registrar's Office.*