

# A QUICK GUIDE TO COMMENCEMENT



## Things you **NEED** to know

**Date:** This year – Saturday, May 22nd

**Communication:** We communicate with parents directly (as well as the students)

**Announcements:** the official version is available for purchase, printed on campus, and shipped to you

**Baccalaureate:** not a separate service this year. The commencement speaker and the Valedictorian and Salutatorian addresses will all take place at Commencement

**Time:** 10 a.m. (CST), gates will open at 9 a.m. First-come, first-served seating for 4 guests per graduate

**Location:** outside on the football field to allow for COVID-19 distancing precautions.

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## Things you **WANT** to know



**Gown:** the gown they currently have is the one in which they graduate. No caps. Once a student has comped, everyone has earned their gown.

**Parties:** Campus-wide celebration on Friday 5-7 p.m. on the Quad. Appetizers, beverages, live music, fun! Parties at private residences are permitted but must be registered. Post-Commencement would be a fun time. Please avoid Fri 5-7 time. when planning.

**Food:** We are working with local restaurants, McClurg Dining Hall, and the Sewanee Inn to offer options for meals.

**Rehearsal:** Graduates will participate in a rehearsal to learn requirements for processing, seating, etc.

**Schedule:** We will share a schedule of activities (offered by departments or organizations), but the Friday party and Commencement on Saturday are the main events.

**Traditions:** Faculty line the sidewalk as graduates process out. Stepping on the seal in All Saints' Chapel (both photo opps)

**Weather:** On the football field rain or shine. For the rain, bring umbrellas, we'll have ponchos. For shine, plan for HOT!

**Photography:** An official company will take a headshot and an 'action' shot of the diploma. You will receive info after the event how to see those.

**Accommodations:** Let us know if you need suggestions

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