

COMMENCEMENT DAY INFORMATION

HOSPITALITY SUITE

A continental breakfast will be available in the Presidents Room from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Complimentary snacks will be available in the Presidents Room from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore, in Tower Hall North, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bookstore offers USF merchandise.

CAP & GOWN AND TICKET PICK UP

Students may pick up their caps & gowns and tickets Thursday, May 1 - Friday, May 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Moser Performing Arts Center, Room 123.

Special arrangements for after-hour pick up may be made by calling the Registrar's Office at (815) 740-3392.

COMMENCEMENT LINE UP

Graduates must report to their designated area in Tower Hall no later than 45 minutes before their ceremony. A list of assigned rooms will be posted in the Tower Hall lobby.

- Room moderators will offer detailed instructions.
- Please leave your belongings with family or friends. Rooms will not be available to students after commencement.

PROCESSION

The Grand Marshal will lead each procession followed in order by the graduates, faculty, Board of Trustees members and the platform party.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOTAPES

A professional photographer will take photos of graduates as they receive their diploma. For the safety and comfort of all, guests are asked to remain in their seats during the ceremony. Photographs will be mailed directly to graduates about two weeks after commencement. For more information, contact Central Valley Studios Inc. at (847) 683-7130; www.cvstudios.com. Videotapes/DVDs of the ceremony are made by the university's Mass Communication Department and are available for purchase. For an order form, visit www.stfrancis.edu/reg/videodvdorderform.pdf

SIGN LANGUAGE

Sign language interpretation will be provided at Mass and commencement.

SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES

Persons with disabilities who require assistance should call the the Student Affairs Office at (815) 740-3399 at least one week prior to commencement.

GOWN RETURN

Graduates may keep their caps and tassels. Gowns and hoods must be returned to Moser Performing Arts Center Room 123 before leaving the campus. You may keep your gown on for the reception and family pictures, but they must be returned by the 5 p.m.

DIPLOMAS

Graduates will receive their diploma certificates by mail about four to six weeks after commencement.

SIMULCAST

The graduation ceremony will be simulcast in the Moser Performing Arts Center for those who do not have tickets. Limited seating is available. The commencement ceremonies also will be webcast live at www.stfrancis.edu.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY 1, 2008

24TH ANNUAL HONORS AND AWARDS
CONVOCATION -
ON-CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATES
7 p.m. USF Recreation Center

Graduates line-up at 6:40 p.m. in the Moser Performing Arts Center Studio Theater. Call (815) 740-3216 or visit room S204 for information.

SENIOR CELEBRATION - UNDERGRADUATES
9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on campus

Reservations required by April 27. All on-campus seniors may bring two guests. USF seniors are free; guests are \$5 prepaid with reservation. Cash bar. Call (815) 740-3399 or visit the Student Affairs Office to make reservations. Food and entertainment provided.

MAY 2

COMMENCEMENT DINNER - All graduates and guests are invited.

6 p.m. Cocktails (cash bar);
7 p.m. Dinner and program;
followed by dancing

150 West Banquet Facilities (1050 E. Frontage Road, Joliet). Reservations required. Graduates are free; guests are \$35 prepaid with reservations.

MAY 3

COMMENCEMENT DAY

8 to 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Suite in the Presidents Room

MASTER'S DEGREE CEREMONY

9:15 a.m. Graduate Commencement Line-up

9:45 a.m. Procession

10 a.m. Graduate Commencement -
Recreation Center. Admission by
ticket only.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch available for purchase -
Cafeteria

11:15 a.m. Graduate Reception - Quad

COMMENCEMENT MASS

1 p.m. St. Joseph Chapel, third floor,
Motherhouse - Admission by ticket
only.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CEREMONY

11:45 a.m. College of Nursing and Allied
Health Pinning Ceremony -
Recreation Center

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite in the
Presidents Room

2:15 p.m. Undergraduate Commencement
Line-up

2:45 p.m. Procession

3 p.m. Undergraduate Commencement -
Recreation Center. Admission by
ticket only.

4:30 p.m. Undergraduate Reception - Quad



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