



## COMMENCEMENT DAY INFORMATION

### May 5, 2018

#### HOSPITALITY SUITE

A continental breakfast will be available from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Presidents Room, Tower Hall. Complimentary snacks will be available from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Presidents Room.

#### BOOKSTORE

The USF Barnes and Noble Bookstore, first floor, Tower Hall North, will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The bookstore offers USF merchandise.

#### CAP & GOWN AND TICKET PICK-UP

Graduates may pick up their caps and gowns and tickets from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3; from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 4; and from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 in the USF bookstore (Tower Hall, First Floor North). Special arrangements for after-hour pick up may be made by calling the bookstore at 815-740-3394.

#### COMMENCEMENT LINE-UP

Graduates must report to their designated classroom 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 personal belongings with family or friends. Rooms will not be accessible to students after commencement.

#### PROCESSION

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

#### PHOTOGRAPHY/DVD

A professional photographer will take photos of graduates as they receive their diplomas. Photographs will be mailed directly to graduates about two weeks after commencement. For more information, contact Central Valley Studios Inc. at 847-683-7130 or [cvstudios.com](http://cvstudios.com). DVDs of the ceremony will be made available for purchase by USF's Communication & Media Arts Department. For an order form, visit [stfrancis.edu/grad-order-form](http://stfrancis.edu/grad-order-form).

#### GOWN RETURN

Graduates may keep their caps and tassels. Please return gowns and hoods to the Sue Manner Turk Theater (Moser Performing Arts Center, first floor) before leaving campus. Graduates may keep their gowns on for the reception and family pictures, but all gowns and hoods must be returned no later than 3:30 p.m.

#### UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

Honors designation does not apply for graduate-level students. Final honors will be indicated on the student's diploma and final transcript. For commencement purposes, graduation honors will be based on qualification at the time of the previous completed semester at USF.

#### DIPLOMAS

Graduates will receive their diplomas by mail four to six weeks after commencement.

#### SIMULCAST & STREAMING

Commencement ceremonies will be simulcast in the Sexton Auditorium (Moser Performing Arts Center) for those without tickets to the ceremonies. Limited seating is available. The ceremonies will also be streamed live on one of USF's social media channels—visit [stfrancis.edu/commencement-information](http://stfrancis.edu/commencement-information) for details.

#### PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Students and their families are welcome to take pictures anywhere on campus. Suggested photo opportunities include Tower Hall's main entrance, the University Seal on Tower Hall's second floor or the Grotto in the Quad.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

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#### SENIOR CELEBRATION

8-10 p.m. Crest Hill Lanes

Spend the evening celebrating the Class of 2018! All seniors will receive alumni swag and enjoy raffle prizes, a photo booth, pizza, appetizers, and fun! All students, alumni, faculty, & staff are encouraged to attend.

Shuttles provided departing USF at: 7:45, 8:30 and 9 p.m. Shuttles will depart from Crest Hill Lanes at 10 & 10:30 p.m. Seniors, RSVP by April 16 for a \$5 food and beverage ticket!

For more info or to RSVP:  
Alumni & Family Relations (Motherhouse, Rm. 250)  
877-811-ALUM | [alumni@stfrancis.edu](mailto:alumni@stfrancis.edu)  
[stfrancis.edu/alumni/events](http://stfrancis.edu/alumni/events)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

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#### MULTICULTURAL STUDENT GRADUATION RECEPTION

6 p.m. San Damiano Hall (Motherhouse, Third Floor)

This reception recognizes all multicultural students who have fulfilled the necessary graduation requirements. Candidates are invited to bring family and friends. To reserve your space, please RSVP to 815-740-5025 or [aheard@stfrancis.edu](mailto:aheard@stfrancis.edu) no later than Monday, April 16.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

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#### COMMENCEMENT MASS

4 p.m. St. Joseph Chapel (Motherhouse, Third Floor)

All are invited, but please reserve your seat via the Commencement RSVP form.

### THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

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#### 34TH ANNUAL STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS CONVOCATION

7 p.m. Sullivan Recreation Center

Graduates, line-up at 6:40 p.m. in the Moser Performing Arts Center Turk Theater. Call 815-740-3216 or visit Tower Hall, Rm. S300 for information.

### FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

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#### LEACH COLLEGE OF NURSING: PINNING CEREMONY

4:30 p.m. Sullivan Recreation Center

#### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: RADIATION THERAPY PINNING CEREMONY

6:00 p.m. Turk Theater (Moser Performing Arts Center)

### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

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#### COMMENCEMENT DAY

##### DOCTORAL/MASTER'S DEGREE CEREMONY

- 7 a.m. Hospitality Suite – Presidents Room (Tower Hall, First Floor)
- 8:15 a.m. Graduate Commencement Lineup
- 8:45 a.m. Procession
- 9 a.m. Graduate Commencement  
Sullivan Recreation Center  
*\* Admission by ticket only.*  
*\* Families need to be seated 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.*
- 10:15 a.m. Graduate Reception - Presidents Room (Tower Hall, First Floor)

##### BACHELOR'S DEGREE CEREMONY

- 11 a.m. Hospitality Suite – Presidents Room
- 12:15 p.m. Undergraduate Commencement Lineup
- 12:45 p.m. Procession
- 1 p.m. Undergraduate Commencement  
Sullivan Recreation Center  
*\* Admission by ticket only.*  
*\* Families need to be seated 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.*
- 2:30 p.m. Undergraduate Reception – Quad \*
- 3:30 p.m. Gown Return Closes

*\*In the event of inclement weather, signs will be posted identifying the new location for each college's reception.*

**Persons with disabilities who require assistance should call the Student & Alumni Affairs Office at 815-740-3398 at least four weeks prior to commencement.**