



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION
May 6, 2023

BOOKSTORE

The USF Barnes and Noble Bookstore, first floor, Tower Hall North, will be open on Commencement Day, May 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The bookstore offers USF merchandise.

CAP & GOWN AND TICKET PICK-UP

Graduates may pick up their caps, gowns, and tickets during the following days at the USF Bookstore located in Tower Hall.

April 24th – 27th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 28th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
May 5th from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
May 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Special arrangements for after-hour pick up may be made by calling the Bookstore at **815-740-3394**.
Number of guest tickets will be determined following the RSVP window.
Watch for communication from the commencement email. GraduationInvite@stfrancis.edu

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 procession will be led by the San Damiano Cross, followed in order by the Grand Marshal, graduates, faculty, administrators, Board of Trustees and platform party.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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.

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 the commencement ceremony.

SIMULCAST & STREAMING

Commencement ceremonies will be simulcast in the Sexton Auditorium (Moser Performing Arts Center) Tower Hall for those on campus without tickets to the ceremonies. The ceremonies will also be live-streamed for those off campus, visit stfrancis.edu/commencement for details and links.

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 (weather permitting).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES
SATURDAY, May 6, 2023

DOCTORAL/MASTER'S DEGREE CEREMONY

9:15 a.m. Graduates Line-Up
9:45 a.m. Procession
10 a.m. Ceremony
Sullivan Recreation Center
Tickets required for admission. Guests must be seated 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CEREMONY

12:15 p.m. Graduates Line-Up
12:45 p.m. Procession
1 p.m. Ceremony
Sullivan Recreation Center
Tickets required for admission. Guests must be seated 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.



All are invited to the social gathering following each ceremony in the Moser Performing Arts Center, Turk Theatre.

CELEBRATIONS!

SENIOR CELEBRATION – Invitation to Follow

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 6 p.m.
MULTICULTURAL STUDENT GRADUATION RECEPTION

Sexton Auditorium, Tower Hall

Sunday, April 30, 2023 4 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT MASS

All are invited, but please reserve your seat via the Commencement RSVP form. Besides a blessing, a special medallion is given by President Johnson.

St. Joseph Chapel, Motherhouse, 3rd Floor

Thursday, May 4, 2023 6 p.m.

39th ANNUAL STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS CONVOCATION

Graduates, line-up at 5:40 pm in the Moser Performing Arts Center, Turk Theater. Call 815-740-3216 or visit Tower Hall, Room S300 for additional information.

Sullivan Recreation Center

Friday, May 5, 2023 4:30 p.m.

LEACH COLLEGE OF NURSING PINNING CEREMONY – FOR NURSING GRADUATES

Sullivan Recreation Center

Friday, May 5, 2023 6 p.m.

RADIATION THERAPY PINNING CEREMONY

San Damiano Hall, Motherhouse (3rd floor)

Persons with disabilities who require assistance, should email GraduationInvite@stfrancis.edu at least four weeks prior to commencement.

COVID-19 Requirements

* Aligned with the Franciscan value of RESPECT, the campus community continues to rely on one another to responsibly maintain a safe and healthy campus as Saints United. * Students and employees should follow the university's COVID-19 protocols available on the Saints United website at stfrancis.edu/saints-united. * Following the CDC guidelines face coverings and social distancing are recommended practices, but not required. * If you **exhibit symptoms** of COVID-19, we ask that you test immediately. * If you test **positive**, please refrain from coming to campus. If you test **negative** but still exhibit symptoms, please wear a face covering when you are around others.

