



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

May 4, 2024

BOOKSTORE

The USF Barnes and Noble Bookstore, first floor, Tower Hall North, will be open on Commencement Day, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 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 22th – 25th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 26th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

May 3rd from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

May 4th from 8 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. Your tickets will be placed with your cap and gown. 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.

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 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, Benoit Commons or the Grotto in the Quad.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES
SATURDAY, May 4, 2024**

DOCTORAL/MASTER'S DEGREE CEREMONY

8:45 a.m. Graduates Line-Up
9:15 a.m. Procession
9:30 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.



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

CELEBRATIONS!

SENIOR CELEBRATION – Invitation to Follow

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 6 p.m.

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT GRADUATION

RECEPTION

Sexton Auditorium, Moser Performing Arts Center

Sunday, April 28, 2024 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 2, 2024 6 p.m.

40th 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 3, 2024 4:30 p.m.

LEACH COLLEGE OF NURSING PINNING CEREMONY

Families are invited.

Sullivan Recreation Center

Friday, May 3, 2024 6 p.m.

RADIATION THERAPY PINNING CEREMONY

San Damiano Hall, Donovan Hall, (3rd floor)

We encourage everyone to download the digital commencement program using the displayed QR code that will be available at graduation. We will limit the number of print programs to one per family to support the university's commitment to sustainability.