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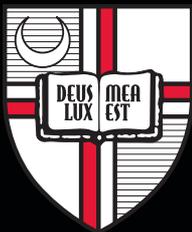
COMMENCEMENT 2017

Important Information



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Dear Class of 2017 Students, Parents, and Families,

I invite you to join us for our 128th Commencement activities to be held on Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13, 2017. This brochure contains the information you will need to successfully navigate the weekend.

As you will notice, numerous activities will take place over the course of a few days, as students complete their time at Catholic University. We all look forward to welcoming families and friends to our beautiful campus as we pause to celebrate the accomplishments of our students, give thanks, and look ahead to the future.

It will be a great weekend and Jeanne and I look forward to seeing you in May!

John Garvey, *President*

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HONORS CONVOCATION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

**1 p.m., Friday, May 12, Great Upper Church,
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

The Honors Convocation for Undergraduates recognizes those students who have been elected to membership in national honor societies, those who have completed academic tracks in the University Honors Program, and those who have achieved individual honors in their specific disciplines. Students, in academic gowns, but without hoods, should be seated no later than 12:45 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend this convocation.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

**4 p.m., Friday, May 12, Great Upper Church,
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

The student procession will form at 3:30 p.m. in front of McMahon Hall and move promptly at 3:40 p.m. In case of inclement weather, students should proceed directly to Memorial Hall in the lower level of the Basilica to form the procession. Students are asked to wear their academic gowns without hoods.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

**Immediately following the Baccalaureate Mass
Friday, May 12, Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center**

President and Mrs. Garvey invite all graduating students and their families to this reception honoring the Class of 2017. The reception takes place at the Pryzbyla Center, both inside and on the patio outside the center.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

**10 a.m., Saturday, May 13
University Mall in front of the east entrance to the
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

Candidates for degrees are asked to assemble no later than 9 a.m. (undergraduate arts and sciences graduates no later than 8:45 a.m.) at locations that will be communicated by the various schools (and posted on the Commencement website at commencement.cua.edu). **Academic procession will begin at 9:30 a.m.** Students can verify their eligibility to participate in Commencement Exercises by contacting their academic dean's office. Candidates wear caps (tassels to the right until their degree is conferred) and academic gowns and carry their hoods.

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

Following the Commencement Exercises, diplomas will be distributed to students in individual ceremonies organized by each school. The list of the times and locations of these ceremonies can be found on the Commencement website (commencement.cua.edu) and will also be printed in the Commencement program.

RAIN PLAN

In the case of severely inclement weather that precludes holding the Commencement Exercises outdoors, an announcement will be posted on the University's website (www.cua.edu) by 8 a.m. If the rain plan is implemented, graduates and their guests will proceed to the sites of diploma distributions, where degrees will be conferred according to the rain schedule.

OTHER COMMENCEMENT WEEK EVENTS

A few other events taking place during the Commencement week involve many, but not all, graduates.

School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony

**9 a.m., Thursday, May 11, Great Room,
Pryzbyla Center**

In keeping with a long tradition, graduating nursing students receive their Catholic University School of Nursing pin. The Pinning Ceremony is open to graduating seniors and their guests.

Senior Student-Athlete Awards Banquet

**5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11, Great Room,
Pryzbyla Center**

Senior athletes who have distinguished themselves with outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments during their time at CUA will be honored and a number of special achievement awards, including the Harris and Donley cups, will be conferred.

Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony

10 a.m., Friday, May 12, Auditorium, Caldwell Hall

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious collegiate academic honor society in the United States. Fewer than 10% of American colleges and universities have a chapter. Founded in 1776, the society recognizes excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Catholic University's chapter was founded in 1941.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic attire is worn by all those participating in the Commencement Exercises, Honors Convocation, and Baccalaureate Mass. Students may also wear military uniforms or religious habits, as appropriate.

Graduating students order their caps and gowns through the CUA Bookstore or online at oakhalli.com/cua. Commencement announcements may also be ordered via this website.

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Graduating students with disabilities (including those with low vision, physical disabilities, and who are deaf/hard of hearing), who need accommodations along the procession route, in the seating area, obtaining their diploma on stage, or require alternative formats of printed materials should contact Disability Support Services at CUA-DSS@cua.edu or 202-319-5211 prior to Friday, April 14.

Guests with disabilities should refer to dss.cua.edu/commencement.cfm. There you will find information about access, seating, and parking. Requests for braille, interpreters, and assistive listening devices must be made in advance. Please contact Disability Support Services at CUA-DSS@cua.edu or 202-319-5211 prior to Friday, April 14.

CLEARING THE WAY FOR GRADUATION

Commencement is a time of celebration and the University wants every graduate, along with their family and friends, to enjoy this very special occasion. Diplomas will not be released to any graduate with an outstanding obligation to any department of the University. All such obligations, which are noted in the Holds section of the Cardinal Station student center, should be resolved well in advance of commencement. Students with other holds (library, financial aid, etc.) should contact the office responsible for initiating the hold in order to resolve any issues in a timely manner. Students can review any holds on their account via the Holds box on the right-hand side of their Cardinal Station Student Center.

PARKING AND MAP

Visitors are advised that on-campus parking is limited, especially in the center of campus and areas near the various Commencement sites. Parking is available in the outlying areas of campus, limited primarily to the Marist and O'Boyle halls parking lots, the Raymond A. DuFour Athletic Center parking lot, the University Parking Garage (accessed from John McCormack Road), and street parking along both Harewood and John McCormack roads. Limited parking may also be available in the parking lot for the Basilica located at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Harewood Road, N.E. Guests may also choose to travel to Commencement activities and events via Metrorail to the Brookland/CUA stop on the Red Line. **Please refer to the map in this brochure.**

Parking for those with disabilities who have a state-issued license plate or placard is available in front of John K. Mullen of Denver Memorial Library and in designated locations.

MORE INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For additional information about Commencement, including FAQs, visit commencement.cua.edu.



Download **Catholic University Guidebook** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to get access to the complete Commencement schedule on your phone or tablet.

USEFUL CUA CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit our website at commencement.cua.edu.

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