

# Commencement 2026

## At-a-glance information

GRADUATE SCHOOL, GRADUATE  
SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH  
SCIENCES PROFESSIONAL CANDIDATES

### ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN

- Academic apparel is required to participate in Commencement. Graduates **must** order academic apparel online at Herff Jones [colleges.herffjones.com/college/\\_marquette](https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/_marquette) by **Saturday, April 4**.
- You are required to schedule an appointment via SignUpGenius to pick up your apparel on campus on one of the dates below. The SignUpGenius link will be available on the [Students tab of the Commencement website](#) at the start of the spring semester.
- You must have your Herff Jones order confirmation, printed out or on your phone, to pick up your cap and gown.
- Pleasant Prairie M.S.N. Graduates** do not need to schedule an appointment via the link above to pick up academic apparel. You will receive instructions on apparel pickup at the Pleasant Prairie campus from the College of Nursing.

### CAP AND GOWN PICKUP

**Tuesday, May 5** | **Wednesday, May 6**  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Alumni Memorial Union, Monaghan Ballroom, Third Floor

There is no charge to the graduate for academic apparel, and pickup only takes a few minutes. If the graduate cannot pick up their own apparel, a friend or a relative may come in their place.

### RECEPTION CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026

**Friday, May 8** | 5 – 6:30 p.m.  
Ray and Kay Eckstein Common (the outdoor gathering space east of the Alumni Memorial Union)  
1442 West Wisconsin Avenue

Hosted by President Kimo Ah Yun and the Marquette University Jesuit Community.

Graduates, their families, faculty, staff and the entire campus community are welcome to attend.

No RSVP required.

*Rain Site location: Alumni Memorial Union, Monaghan Ballroom, Third Floor*

### BACCALAUREATE MASS

**Saturday, May 9**  
*9 a.m. if Commencement is on Saturday, May 9 OR 4 p.m. if Commencement is on Sunday, May 10 (1.5-hour Mass)*  
Al McGuire Center  
770 North 12th Street

Concelebrated Mass. Tickets are not needed. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families and friends are welcome to attend. Graduates are invited to process in wearing their academic regalia (no caps for graduates). For additional information, please contact Campus Ministry at 414.288.6873 or [nathaniel.romano@marquette.edu](mailto:nathaniel.romano@marquette.edu) or visit the [Commencement website](#).

### COMMENCEMENT – GRADUATE SCHOOL, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH SCIENCES PROFESSIONAL

**Saturday, May 9, at 5 p.m. OR Sunday, May 10, at 3 p.m.** | *Date to be announced (1.5-hour ceremony)*  
Fiserv Forum  
1111 Vel R. Phillips Avenue

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**Ceremony will be livestreamed for family and friends who are not able to attend in person.**  
USE QR CODE to view the livestream at [marquette.edu/commencement](https://marquette.edu/commencement).

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- Doors will open 1 hour before ceremony for students and 30 minutes before ceremony for guests.
- Wear your academic apparel.
- Parking – please refer to the parking information below (same instructions for candidates and guests).
- Graduates enter at the **BMO North and East entrances** (located at the corner of Juneau Avenue and Vel R. Phillips Avenue). [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website and refer to **1A and 1B on the Fiserv Forum campus map**.
- Proceed upstairs to the [Jockey Club](#) to check in with your school and receive your name card (candidates will hand their name card to the column marshal before crossing the stage).
- **ARRIVE EARLY** to allow time to go through metal detection upon entry. See Security and Bag Policy below. Items not allowed cannot be carried in.
- After receiving your name card, you will be directed into the arena, where column marshals will usher graduates to their designated seating area. Graduates will be seated by college.
- **PH.D. CANDIDATES** – After you have checked in (per the instructions above), meet your dissertation director in the same area (dissertation directors have been instructed to meet their candidates in the [Jockey Club](#)). You will both then proceed to the arena, where column marshals will direct you to the designated seating section.
- **PLAN YOUR TIME ACCORDINGLY** – Graduates are expected to be seated inside the arena 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. It will take some time to go through security, check in to receive your name card, and be seated by a column marshal within your college. Column marshals will hold back any late arrivals until there is an opportune time during the ceremony to seat them.
- Graduates will be individually recognized during the program.



Please continue to watch your email and visit **our website** for updated Commencement information.

For questions, please contact University Special Events at 414.288.7431 or [universitiespecialevents@marquette.edu](mailto:universitiespecialevents@marquette.edu).

## APPAREL RETURN

- Return academic apparel and hoods at the stations set up at the exit immediately following the ceremony.
- Caps and tassels may be retained as a keepsake.
- If you would like to wear your apparel for the remainder of the afternoon for family photos, etc., you may choose to do so. We ask that you please return your apparel to the Alumni Memorial Union, Room 252, either by Sunday evening or no later than Monday, May 11 (check for current AMU building hours). We appreciate your promptness in returning rented apparel.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

- Empire Photography will take pictures of each graduate as they cross the stage. Proofs will be emailed the week of May 11 directly to graduates and the parent/guardian they included on their application for graduation.
- Photos will also be available on the Empire Photography website at [empirephotos.com/MUgrad](https://empirephotos.com/MUgrad).

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## PARENT/GUEST/SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

- Doors will open 1 hour before ceremony for students and 30 minutes before ceremony for guests.
- Seating is first come, first served.
- Parents/guests enter at the **Atrium** of Fiserv Forum, located on the east side of the building next to the Plaza. [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website and refer to **#6 on the Fiserv Forum campus map**.
- Parking – please refer to the parking information below (same instructions for candidates and guests).
- **ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME** to go through metal detection upon entry. See Security and Bag Policy below. Items not allowed cannot be carried in.
- Guests with special needs: The drop-off area is located along Juneau Avenue and Vel R. Phillips Avenue near the BMO Entrance at the northeast entrance of the building. There are 7 guest elevators throughout Fiserv Forum located in the northeast corner (by Section 120), southeast corner (by Section 102) and northwest corner (by Section 113). There are plenty of ADA platforms located throughout the arena.
- Guests needing sight lines to ASL interpreters: Seats will be designated in Section 107 for those needing direct sight lines to the ASL interpreters set near the stage. Ushers will be able to direct you to Section 107 and the reserved seats.

## DRIVING

- [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website and refer to map and directions to Fiserv Forum.

## PARKING

- Parking near Fiserv Forum is available in the 5th Street Parking Structure located at 1215 North Fifth Street or in the Highland Garage located at 1030 North Sixth Street. It is highly recommended to prepay for parking in either structure by going to the links posted on the Commencement website. Links will be activated in spring semester. [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website.
- For additional parking options, visit [fiservforum.com/plan-your-visit/directions-parking](https://fiservforum.com/plan-your-visit/directions-parking).

## CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be sold in the arena's 100-level concourses. Limited menu (bottled water, soft drinks, individual bags of snack items).

## SECURITY AND BAG POLICY

There is a **NO BAG** policy at Fiserv Forum. Wallets smaller than 4x6x1 inches are permitted. Exceptions to this policy are diaper bags and bags needed due to medical necessity, which will need to be X-rayed by security. **PLEASE PLAN YOUR ARRIVAL TIME ACCORDINGLY.**

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Silly string is prohibited in Fiserv Forum, because of the damage it causes to surfaces and equipment. Confetti, balloons, large banners or flags, and signs over 11x17 inches are also prohibited. Prohibited items will be confiscated at the door.
- [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website for a list of all other prohibited items.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### To order custom-printed graduation announcements:

#### Herff Jones

[colleges.herffjones.com/college/\\_marquette](http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/_marquette)

Customer Service: 800.837.4235

#### Jostens

[jostens.com/graduation/college/announcements](http://jostens.com/graduation/college/announcements)

Customer Service: 800.854.7464

## HOTELS

For a list of hotels in the downtown area, [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Commencement or Academic Apparel

University Special Events

414.288.7431

[universitiespecialevents@marquette.edu](mailto:universitiespecialevents@marquette.edu)

### Diplomas, Application for Graduation

Marquette Central

414.288.4000

[marquettecentral@marquette.edu](mailto:marquettecentral@marquette.edu)

### Baccalaureate Mass

Campus Ministry

414.288.6873

[nathaniel.romano@marquette.edu](mailto:nathaniel.romano@marquette.edu)

### General Information

800.222.6544 or 414.288.7250

For additional Commencement information, visit our website at [marquette.edu/commencement](http://marquette.edu/commencement).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES. WELCOME TO FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND ALUMN!!**