

Commencement 2026

At-a-glance information

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

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 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.

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.
- Undergraduates may retain or recycle their “Renew” cap and gown. These keepsake gowns are produced from recycled post-consumer plastic bottles.

MANDATORY STUDENT RSVP AND REQUEST FOR GUEST TICKETS

- Undergraduate seniors who are graduating must RSVP for Commencement by Friday, April 24. Students must RSVP via the link provided to them in the email they will receive in their Marquette email account from University Special Events in early February.
- Graduates can request up to 5 guest tickets. Graduates do not need a ticket.
- Tickets will be transferred automatically to students' [Marquette Gameday App accounts](#) on Thursday, April 30. Upon receipt, tickets may be transferred to guests an unlimited number of times through the day of Commencement.
- Importantly, the Commencement ceremony RSVP process is entirely separate from the application for graduation process, which is handled by the Registrar's Office. The deadline to [apply for graduation](#) is Friday, April 24. Students must complete both processes.
- Should extra tickets be available after all students have had a chance to RSVP, there will be an announcement sent after the Friday, April 24, RSVP deadline.
- For additional ticket information and FAQs, visit the [Commencement website](#).

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

Ceremony will be livestreamed for family and friends who are not able to attend in person.
USE QR CODE ON PAGE 2 to view the livestream at marquette.edu/commencement.

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BACCALAUREATE MASS

Saturday, May 9, at 9 a.m. (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 or visit the [Commencement website](#).

COMMENCEMENT – UNDERGRADUATE

Saturday, May 9, at 1 p.m. (2.5-hour ceremony)
Fiserv Forum
1111 Vel R. Phillips Avenue

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES

- Doors will open 2 hours before ceremony.
- Wear your academic apparel. Undergraduates may retain or recycle their “Renew” cap and gown.
- Parking – please refer to the parking information below (same instructions for students and guests).
- **ARTS & SCIENCES CANDIDATES** – Enter at the **Johnson Controls Entrance** (student basketball entrance, located at the corner of North Sixth Street and Juneau Avenue).
- **ALL OTHER CANDIDATES FOR COMMENCEMENT** – Enter at the **BMO North and East entrances** (located on the corner of Juneau and Vel R. Phillips avenues). [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website and refer to **1A and 1B on the Fiserv Forum campus map**.
- **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.
- Proceed upstairs to the [Jockey Club](#) to check in with your college and receive your name card (graduates will hand their name card to the column marshal before crossing the stage).
- 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.
- **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.

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.



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.

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PARENT/GUEST/SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

- Doors will open 2 hours before ceremony.
- Seating is first come, first served.
- **Tickets are general admission only** (not assigned). Section, row and seat numbers on tickets DO NOT APPLY.
- 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 graduates 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.

TICKETS REQUIRED FOR PARENTS/GUESTS

- All tickets will be sent to the graduate via the Marquette Gameday app.
- All tickets will be electronically scanned to verify authenticity. PLEASE HAVE YOUR TICKETS READY TO SCAN on your mobile device when you arrive. Tickets that have been scanned upon entry cannot be reused by another guest. Screenshots of tickets are not permissible.
- **Tickets are general admission only** (not assigned). Section, row and seat numbers on tickets DO NOT APPLY.
- For ease of access throughout Fiserv Forum, all guests are encouraged to transfer tickets to each member of their party prior to entering the building. Please reference the Bucks Mobile Ticketing Guide for further instruction and FAQs: nba.com/bucks/mobile-tickets
- Children under 2 are not required to have their own ticket if they are sitting on the lap of a ticketed adult.
- Seating will be first come, first served.
- [USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website for additional ticket information and FAQs.

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 Fifth 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 the spring semester.

[USE QR CODE TO LINK](#) to Commencement website.

For additional parking options, visit fiservforum.com/plan-your-visit/directions-parking.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be sold in the arena's 100- and 200-level concourses. Limited menu (bottled water, soft drinks, individual bags of snack items).

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To order custom-printed graduation announcements:

Herff Jones

colleges.herffjones.com/college/_marquette

Customer Service: 800.837.4235

Jostens

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 and refer to Hotels tab.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Commencement or Academic Apparel

University Special Events

414.288.7431

universityspecialevents@marquette.edu

Diplomas, Application for Graduation

Marquette Central

414.288.4000

marquettecentral@marquette.edu

Baccalaureate Mass

Campus Ministry

414.288.6873

nathaniel.romano@marquette.edu

General Information

800.222.6544 or 414.288.7250

For additional Commencement information, visit our website at marquette.edu/commencement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES. WELCOME TO FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND ALUMNI!!