



Dear 2025 Degree Candidate:

***The deadline to complete your graduation application is Friday, March 14. If you have not already completed a graduation application, please do so at:***

<https://collselfserv-23.sbu.edu/Student/Student/Graduation>

***This needs to be completed so your diploma can be ordered.***

Listed below is important information regarding the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 18, 2025, and other related activities. Further information is available on our general Commencement site: [www.sbu.edu/commencement](http://www.sbu.edu/commencement); our Guide for Graduating Students site: [www.sbu.edu/graduationguide](http://www.sbu.edu/graduationguide); and our Guide for Commencement Guests site: [www.sbu.edu/commencementfag](http://www.sbu.edu/commencementfag)

## **COMMENCEMENT EVENTS FOR ALL GRADUATES:**

### ***1. Candlelight Induction Ceremony***

- Friday, May 16, 2025, at 8:45 p.m. on the steps of Plassmann Hall/Swan Quad
  - Nerds Gone Wild will be playing immediately following in Hickey Dining Hall. Cash bar available

### ***2. Multicultural Stole Ceremony***

- Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 11 a.m. in the Reilly Center Arena
  - Please look for an email about this ceremony from Student Affairs.

### ***3. Baccalaureate Mass***

- Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 4-5 p.m.
- Assemble in the Reilly Center at 4 p.m.
- Wear your gown. Do NOT bring cap or hood.

### ***4. 165th Annual Commencement Exercises***

- Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Reilly Center Arena
- All eligible undergrad, master's and advanced certificate candidates are invited to attend.
- Students must RSVP and acquire tickets for guests, see below for specifics
- Assemble in the Reilly Center at 9:30 a.m. (map of assembly points will be posted)
- Procession begins at 10:30 a.m.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- Promptness is critical to the success of the commencement ceremony. ***Please arrive at your designated assembly point by 9:30 a.m.!***
- **Tickets are required for the Commencement Ceremony. A maximum of 6 tickets per eligible graduate. Graduates may also request to be added to the waitlist, but there is no guarantee for extra tickets.** All guests must have a ticket.
  - Please refer to the email sent from [commencement@sbu.edu](mailto:commencement@sbu.edu) to officially RSVP to attend the ceremony and to secure your tickets online. Students do NOT need to have a ticket, only your guests.
  - All guests must present tickets to gain entry to the Reilly Center.
- **Accessible Accommodations for guests with physical disabilities will be available upon request.** The graduating student must email [commencement@sbu.edu](mailto:commencement@sbu.edu) to arrange for special seating and parking arrangements.
- **Cap and gown** may be picked up starting Friday, May 9, at the University Bookstore. Contact the bookstore directly for more information at 716-375-2229.
  - Students unable to pick these up prior to the Commencement weekend will be able to pick up their caps and gowns on Saturday and Sunday. Refer to the Commencement website for specific times as we get closer.
  - Remember, caps and gowns do not need to be preordered, but there is a fee to purchase them. Please contact the bookstore for current pricing.

Finally, we would like to congratulate you on your achievements at St. Bonaventure University. You should be proud of your accomplishments.

Sincerely,



George Swindoll

Registrar



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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs