

**Dear 2024 Degree Candidate:**

*The deadline to complete your graduation application is Friday, March 15. If you have not already completed a graduation application, please do so at:*

<https://collselfserv-20.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 12, 2024, 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 10, 2024, 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 11, 2024, 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 11, 2024, from 4-5 p.m.
- Assemble in the Reilly Center at 4 p.m.
- Wear gown. Do NOT bring cap or hood.

### **4. *164th Annual Commencement Exercises***

- Sunday, May 12, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Reilly Center Arena
- All eligible undergrad, master's and advanced certificate candidates are invited to attend. Must RSVP in advance. See below for more information.
- 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 mass and commencement ceremony. ***Please arrive at your designated assembly point by 9:30 a.m.!***
- **Tickets are required for the Commencement Ceremony.** All guests must have a ticket.
  - Please refer to the email to officially RSVP to attend the ceremony and to secure your tickets online. Students do NOT need to have a ticket, only your guests.
  - Guests must present tickets to gain entry to the Reilly Center.
- **Accommodations for guests with physical disabilities will be available upon request.** Please indicate this on your electronic RSVP to attend Commencement and/or email [commencement@sbu.edu](mailto:commencement@sbu.edu) for special seating and parking arrangements.
- **Cap and gown** may be picked up starting Friday, May 3, 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 (\$63 plus tax for undergraduates, \$68 plus tax for master's).

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



Dr. David G. Hilmey  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs