Dear 2020 Degree Candidate:

It is time to register for May Commencement! The deadline for registering is Friday, March 13. Your form must be completed in order for your diploma to be ordered. Degree candidates only need to fill out one form.

* Undergraduate students (bachelor’s degrees): [https://my.sbu.edu/undergradapp](https://my.sbu.edu/undergradapp)

* Graduate students (master’s/certifications): [https://my.sbu.edu/graduategradapp](https://my.sbu.edu/graduategradapp)

Students who anticipate being **six (6) credit hours or fewer** short of meeting their degree requirements, but who wish to participate in the May 2020 Commencement, must fill out the form linked below. This form serves as a request to participate in Commencement Exercises with the understanding that you will complete your degree requirements at an agreed upon date.

[my.sbu.edu/commencement-participation-form](https://my.sbu.edu/commencement-participation-form)

Below is important information regarding the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 17, and related Commencement weekend activities. Additional information is available on our general Commencement site ([www.sbu.edu/commencement](http://www.sbu.edu/commencement)) and on our Guide for The Graduating Student site ([www.sbu.edu/graduationguide](http://www.sbu.edu/graduationguide)).

**COMMENCEMENT EVENTS:**

**Friday, May 15**

Candlelight Induction Ceremony
- 8:45 p.m., steps of Plassmann Hall (*Rain location – University Chapel*)
- Assemble in the Reilly Center lobby by 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 16**

Honors & Awards Ceremony and Reception (by invitation only)
- 11:30 a.m., Reilly Center Arena
- Reception immediately following at Hickey Dining Hall

Multicultural Stole Ceremony
- 1 p.m., Rigas Family Theater, Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

Baccalaureate Mass
- 4:30 p.m., Reilly Center Arena
- Assemble in the RC at 4 p.m. Gowns only — DO NOT wear cap or hood

**Sunday, May 17**

Commencement Exercises
- 3:30 p.m., Reilly Center Arena
• Assemble in the RC at 2:30 p.m. (map of assembly points will be posted)
• Procession begins at 3:30 p.m. sharp

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

➢ Promptness is critical to the success of Mass and Commencement. **Please arrive at your designated assembly point by 4 p.m. for Baccalaureate Mass and by 2:30 p.m. for Commencement!**

➢ **Tickets are not required for Commencement.** Guests are seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Guest seating is available in the red sections and designated blue sections of the RC Arena. The doors will open two hours prior to the start of the ceremony.

➢ **Accommodations for guests with physical disabilities will be available upon request.** Please contact the Office of Events and Conferences at events@sbu.edu for special seating and parking arrangements.

➢ **Caps and gowns** can be purchased from the University Bookstore. These do not have to be preordered. They go on sale the day of the Senior One-Stop Shop on Friday, May 8, and are available up to the day of Commencement. The cost is $62 for undergraduate students and $67 for graduate students.

Congratulations on your achievements at St. Bonaventure University. You should be proud of your accomplishments.

Sincerely,

George Swindoll
Registrar

Dr. Joseph Zimmer
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs