

GRADUATION CEREMONY DETAILS

Final details as you plan for Saturday, May 9, 2026 (as of August 20, 2025)

*****No tickets are required.*****

*****No limit on the number of guests for the Graduate ceremony.*****

1. Please arrive by 1:30 p.m. in the Weber Center parking lot (Van Duyn Street).
2. The Commencement (Graduation) Ceremony begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Centennial Chapel located on University Avenue.
 - a. [CAMPUS MAP](#)
3. **Name Card pick-up** is in the Weber Leadership Center. You must have a name card to walk in Commencement. Once you pick up your name card, please proceed to the campus side of Weber Center for line-up. **You must be in line by 1:45 p.m.** The march begins at 2:15. Graduates will hand the name card for reading as they cross the platform.
4. During the ceremonies, men follow Dr. Chenoweth's example for the appropriate time to remove their caps. Women are to leave their caps on at all times. The cap is to be worn horizontally and not tilted. Your tassel is worn on the left side at all times. You are to carry your hood over the **left** arm. During the Commencement Convocation, you will be hooded before crossing the platform.
5. You are encouraged to text your family as your row prepares to be released to the platform. You will not be crossing the platform in a specific order, so this will ensure your family is ready for your name to be called.
6. Diplomas (for those who have not yet received one) will be released after final grades have been verified. An official electronic diploma will be sent the week following Commencement. Open your electronic diploma, which is sent to your personal email. The physical diploma will not be released if you do not open the electronic copy to verify your physical address. You can then anticipate receipt of the physical diploma from Parchment **approximately 4-5 weeks after Commencement.**
7. **Empire Photography** will send proof of your graduation picture and information on how to order those pictures.
8. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Angie Muhlstadt at (815) 939-5382 or email at afmuhlstadt@olivet.edu.
9. All Commencement information (and live stream link) is posted to: <https://www.olivet.edu/commencement>