

SCHEDULE OF COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES | SPRING 2026

Saturday, May 2

7:00 p.m. 113th annual Commencement Concert featuring the Olivet Nazarene University Orchestra and selected student soloists, with Dr. Neal Woodruff conducting, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

Friday, May 8

10:00 a.m. *Social Work Pinning Ceremony*, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

12:00 p.m. *Teacher Education Sending Service*, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

2:30 p.m. *Nursing Pinning Ceremony* (ASSN and BSN programs), Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

4:30 p.m. *Kappa Sigma Induction*, Nursing Honor Society, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

5:30 p.m. *Phi Delta Lambda* reception and induction ceremony Dr. Karen Knudson, President, Ludwig Center, Nash Banquet Room (by invitation only)

7:30 p.m. *Baccalaureate Service* (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Speaker: Dr. Gregg Chenoweth, President

Location: Betty and Kenneth Hawkins Centennial Chapel. Overflow seating will be in Wisner Hall of Nursing Auditorium.

*PLEASE NOTE: **Graduates will sit with family and friends** during the Baccalaureate Service. **Graduates, dressed in their academic robes**, should be seated in the Centennial Chapel **no later than 7:15 p.m.** Only trustees and faculty will march in the academic procession for this service. Line of March for trustees and faculty forms at Weber Center at 6:45 p.m. Graduates and their families are reminded that there will be open seating on the main floor of the Centennial Chapel.*

9:00-10:00 p.m. *President's Reception for Traditional Degree Candidates and their families*, Ludwig Center

Saturday, May 9

7:30 a.m. *Mathematics Department Graduation Reception*, Burke Lower Level (by invitation only)

7:30 a.m. *Biology Department Graduation Reception*, Reed Atrium (by invitation only)

7:30 a.m. *Engineering Department Breakfast*, Reed Technology Center (by invitation only)

CONVOCATION FOR TRADITIONAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

8:45 a.m. Line of March for degree candidates and faculty forms at Weber Center (Doors open at 8:00 a.m.)

9:00 a.m. Prelude, Organ

9:15 a.m. March begins at Weber Center

9:30 a.m. *Commencement Convocation for Traditional Undergraduate Students*

Speaker: TBD

Location: Betty and Kenneth Hawkins Centennial Chapel

Admission to the Centennial Chapel seating area will be limited to four (4) guests for each graduate. Tickets will be requested through the Brushfire online ticketing service.

PLEASE NOTE: Anticipated indoor overflow seating for closed-circuit viewing will be in Chalfant Hall and Wisner Auditorium. Available overflow seating will not require a ticket.

12:30 p.m. *ROTC Commissioning Ceremony* Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

CONVOCATION FOR GRADUATE & CONTINUING STUDIES DEGREE CANDIDATES

1:30 -2:00 p.m. *Line of March for Graduate and Continuing Studies degree candidates and faculty* at Weber Center (Doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. Prelude

2:15 p.m. March begins at Weber Center

2:30 p.m. *Commencement Convocation for Graduate and Continuing Studies degree candidates*

Speaker: TBD

Location: Betty and Kenneth Hawkins Centennial Chapel

All Commencement information including livestreaming and on-demand viewing is available at: <https://www.olivet.edu/commencement>.