



## **Graduation 2026**

### **GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

The Commencement Ceremony for Olivet's Graduate programs will be held Saturday afternoon, **May 9, 2026**, beginning at 2:30 p.m., in the Centennial Chapel on University Avenue. Olivet offers only one formal commencement ceremony per year, so students completing their programs in September or November 2025 and January, March, May, June, July, or August 2026 are invited to attend the May 9th ceremony.

Please arrive by 1:30 p.m. in the Weber Center parking lot (Van Duyn Street).

**Students pick-up name card for processional in Leadership Center in the Weber Center before joining line of march.** (Pass through Weber Center from parking lot)

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

**\*\*No limit on the number of guests for Graduate students**

### **Financial Clearance**

Students will not be permitted to participate in commencement unless any financial holds are cleared. Student Financial Services may be reached at (815) 939-5245 or [studentfinance@olivet.edu](mailto:studentfinance@olivet.edu).

### **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

All caps and gowns are black. They are folded and pre-packaged. We recommend that you lightly press your gown, but it is not required. All regalia are yours to keep.

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. Master's and Doctoral degree candidates are to carry their hood over the ***left*** arm. During the Commencement Convocation, you will be hooded before crossing the platform.

**Empire Photography** will send proof of your graduation picture and information on how to order those pictures.

### **QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION**

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](mailto:afmuhlstadt@olivet.edu).

### **CONVOCAION FOR GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES**

1:00 p.m. Doors Open

2:15 p.m. Line of March outside Weber Center

2:30 p.m. Commencement Convocation for Graduate degree candidates

Speaker: Mr. Matt McBurnie, MBA, FCEP, VP of Public Relations and Communication, Riverside Healthcare

Location: Centennial Chapel

**All Commencement information, including livestreaming, & on-demand viewing, is available at:**

<https://www.olivet.edu/watch>

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