

**OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
SCHEDULE OF COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES
SPRING 2026**

Saturday, May 2

7:00 p.m. 112th annual Commencement Concert featuring the Olivet Nazarene University Orchestra and selected student soloists, with Dr. Neal Woodruff conducting, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

Thursday, May 7

9:30 a.m. School of Theology and Christian Ministry Senior Sendoff, TBD (by invitation only)

Friday, May 8

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

12:30 p.m. School of Education Sending Service, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Kresge Auditorium

3:00 p.m. School of Business Senior Recognition, Wisner Auditorium

3:00 p.m. Nursing Pinning Ceremony (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 dessert reception and induction ceremony
Dr. Karen Knudson, President, Center for Academic Excellence, Benner Library 2nd Floor (by invitation only)

7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service
Speaker: Dr. Gregg Chenoweth, President
Location: Betty and Kenneth Hawkins Centennial Chapel

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. 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)

7:30 a.m. Exercise Science Department Reception, Perry Center (by invitation only)

CONVOCATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

8:00 a.m. Doors Open to Centennial Chapel

8:45 a.m. Line of March for degree candidates and faculty forms at Weber Center

9:00 a.m. Prelude, Organ

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

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

Speaker: Filimao Chambo, Ph.D., General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

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 DEGREE CANDIDATES

1:00 p.m. Doors open to Centennial Chapel

1:30 -2:00 p.m. Line of March for Graduate degree candidates and faculty at Weber Center

2:00 p.m. Prelude

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

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

Speaker: Matt McBurnie, MBA, FCEP, Vice President of Public Relations and Communication, Riverside Healthcare

Location: Betty and Kenneth Hawkins Centennial Chapel

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