

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

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**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, Warming House (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. Department of History and Political Science Graduate Tea, Burke Administration First Floor Main Lobby

5:30 p.m. Phi Delta Lambda dessert reception and induction ceremony  
Dr. Karen Knudson, President, Warming House (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 five (5) 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>