

2013 GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
Held outside on Bellarmine Lawn

BACCALAUREATE MASS

You and your family and friends are also invited to join the University Community for the Baccalaureate Mass that will be held in Alumni Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In an attempt to anticipate some of the questions that you may have regarding the 2012 Commencement events for graduate students, we have provided below the answers to a list of frequently-asked questions. It is hoped that you will find it helpful as you make your preparations. If you have any questions that are not answered here, you will find several telephone numbers that you may call for assistance.

WHERE ARE THE INDOOR & OUTDOOR LOCATIONS?

To view our campus map: http://www.fairfield.edu/about/about_map.html

Outdoor Location

The 63rd Commencement Ceremony is scheduled to be held on Bellarmine Lawn. Commencement, if at all possible will be held outdoors, so please come prepared with appropriate rain gear as the event will be held outside.

Indoor Location

In the case of severe and dangerous weather, officials may choose to move the ceremony indoors, where it would be held at Alumni Hall with satellite broadcast locations in various campus buildings.

CHANGES TO CEREMONY LOCATION:

If the Commencement exercises must be held indoors because of severe and dangerous weather, University officials will notify students through the University's Stag Web Alert system.

Information will also be placed on Fairfield University website:
www.fairfield.edu/commencement

Information will also be available on the Information Line (203) 254-4222

HOW MAY TICKETS BE PROCURED?

Degree candidates may pick up tickets in the Registrar's Office in the Kelley Center from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. during the week of **April 22 to 26, 2013**. On Tuesday, April **23** and Thursday, April **25**, the Registrar's Office will remain open until 7 p.m. for ticket pickup. For students not in the immediate area who wish to have their tickets mailed, e-mail your request and details to the Registrar's Office at registrar@fairfield.edu. Each degree candidate may pick up a

maximum of five tickets for use for either outdoor Commencement exercises or in case of extreme or dangerous weather conditions, indoor Ceremonies that would be held in Alumni Hall. Due to space restrictions, five is the maximum number of tickets for each graduate for the indoor ceremonies. Outdoor exercises will be held on Bellarmine Lawn. Indoor exercises, only in the case of severe and dangerous weather, will be held at Alumni Hall.

Students are reminded to safeguard their tickets. Lost Tickets will not be replaced. No admittance to Alumni Hall in the event of indoor commencement ceremonies, will be allowed without a ticket.

WHERE DO I PICK UP MY ACADEMIC ATTIRE?

Academic attire that graduate degree candidates ordered from their degree application cards may be picked up in Canisius Hall Room 1 on **Tuesday, May 14th**, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one hour before the ceremony on May 19th , also in Canisius Hall Room 1. **Additional evening hours for cap and gown pick up - Thursday, May 16th from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GUESTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES?

Fairfield University encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. There will be several indoor locations with live video streaming of commencement ceremonies located around campus available for guests with physical disabilities or who would prefer indoor seating. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Department of Public Safety at (203) 254-4090 or in Loyola Hall, Ground Floor, Room 2, between May 1 and May 10 for special arrangements.

HOW MAY I OBTAIN A COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S 63rd COMMENCEMENT?

Commencement programs will be distributed by student ushers at the entrance to Bellarmine Terrace or, in the event of severe and dangerous weather, at the entrance to Alumni Hall.

WHO IS THE SPEAKER FOR 2013 GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT?

This announcement is usually made in mid-April.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL THE CEREMONY TAKE?

The ceremony usually runs two hours.

WHAT ABOUT PARKING?

For the Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, guests of the graduates are free to park in any of the designated lots on campus.

Travel to the University on the morning of Commencement is extremely slow because of heavy traffic. Ample time should be allowed for reaching the campus, especially from Exit 22 on the Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) and from Exit 44 on the Merritt Parkway.

For Commencement, family and friends of graduates will have the entire parking area on campus

except for reserved parking areas in the Canisius Hall parking lot and in the Bellarmine Hall lots.

WILL THERE BE PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATES TO SEND TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS?

For those interested, beginning January, 2013 personalized announcements of graduation will be available through Jostens at 1-800-854-7464, ext. 7121 or online at www.Jostens.com. Graduates will receive information directly from Jostens.

IS THERE SPACE AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS FOR A PRIVATE RECEPTION DURING COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND?

No. Because of the many events already taking place on campus, we are unable to offer space for private functions. We would suggest that you contact a local restaurant or hotel (SEE LINK)

WHAT ABOUT HOTEL RESERVATIONS?

There is a wide selection of hotels within two to ten miles of the campus. It is **strongly recommended** that you make reservations as soon as possible to ensure space for your out of town guests. http://www.fairfield.edu/about/about_hosp.html

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Office of Graduate Student Life.....(203) 254-4000 ext. 2747

For information about graduate receptions as well as the most up-to-date information regarding Commencement.

Dean's Offices

For information about a student's status in fulfilling degree requirements.

College of Arts and Sciences(203) 254-4000 ext. 2227

Charles F. Dolan School of Business.....(203) 254-4070 ext. 3019

School of Engineering.....(203) 254-4147

School of Nursing(203) 254-4000 ext. 2701

Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions ...(203) 254-4000 ext. 4250

University Registrar(203) 254-4288

For information about a student's status in fulfilling degree requirements, and cap and gowns.

Student Accounts(203) 254-4000, ext. 2165

For information on student financial accounts.

Jostens (after Jan. 1, 2013)(800) 854-7464, ext. 7121

For information about personalized graduation announcements.

Public Safety (after May 1, 2013).....(203) 254-4090

For emergencies or information regarding parking for physically disabled.