



2023 Senior Events and Important Dates

Important Events and Dates (Detailed information follows on additional pages)

- Thursday, March 23 – Spring Career Fair from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Center for Sport Sciences (CSS)
- Tuesday, March 28 – Grad Fair from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in McCoy Room, Kelly Center
- Friday, April 14 – Deadline to RSVP for Commencement attendance
- Friday, May 12 – Deadline to submit Graduation Survey
- Friday, April 14 – Deadline to submit photos for the Baccalaureate senior video
- Friday, April 14 – Deadline to submit special accommodation seating requests for Commencement
- Sunday, April 23 – Student Honors Convocation at 2:00 p.m. in Hugh Heiland Theatre, Boyd Cultural Arts Center
- Tuesday, April 25 – Deadline for student accounts to be paid in-full
- Thursday, May 11 – Zero-Year Reunion from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at TinCap Ohio Hard Cider
- Friday, May 12 – Baccalaureate at 10:30 a.m. in Hugh Heiland Theatre, Boyd Cultural Arts Center
- Friday, May 12 – Graduate Lunch at noon in the T.O.P., Pyle Center
- Friday, May 12 – Commencement Rehearsal immediately following Graduate Lunch (approximately 2:00 p.m.) in Hermann Court
- Friday, May 12 – Class photo immediately following Commencement Rehearsal (approximately 3 p.m.) outside Hermann Court
- Saturday, May 13 – Commencement Ceremony at 10:15 a.m. in Hermann Court (graduates report at 9 a.m. in Hugh Heiland Theatre, Boyd Cultural Arts Center)

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Detailed Information

- Commencement Basics
 - Commencement RSVP Deadline
 - Graduating students, even if not able to attend the ceremony, are asked to complete the following online Commencement and Senior Events RSVP form by Friday, April 14: <https://wilmingtoncollege.wufoo.com/forms/2023-commencement-and-senior-events-rsvp-form/>
 - Access to this form is also available via the WC website and WC Portal: WCportal/My Academics tab/ Graduation Information
 - Commencement ceremony tickets
 - Each graduate will receive 8 tickets for the ceremony. These will be available for pick-up at Grad Fair. Additional information regarding Grad Fair follows.
 - Every guest (including children) attending the Commencement ceremony must have a ticket. *A ticket will not be required for an infant ("babe in arms").*
 - For those guests who will require special accommodation seating, both a ceremony ticket and a seating pass will be required for access to the special accommodation seating area. Please refer to the information below for additional details regarding how to secure a special accommodation seating pass.
 - All extra tickets should be returned to One Stop to redistribute as needed.
 - Any tickets not picked up by Friday, April 14, may be redistributed to students as extra tickets.
 - Reasonable requests for additional tickets may be made at Grad Fair (Tuesday, March 28) or at One Stop between Wednesday, March 29 and Friday, April 14. *Should additional tickets be available, main campus students can pick up additional tickets beginning Monday, April 17. The deadline to pick-up additional tickets is Friday, April 28.*
 - Cap and Gown
 - The cost of one cap and gown was included in your graduation fee.
 - These will be available for pick-up at Grad Fair. Please continue reading for more information about the event.
 - Additional caps, tassels, or other related items may be purchased at the Bookstore.
 - Be sure to try on your gown and zip it to ensure proper fit at least a few days prior to the ceremony. If the gown does not fit, you can exchange it at the Bookstore in its original packaging.
 - Be sure to hang up your gown a few days prior to the ceremony to allow the wrinkles to relax. You may steam your gown, if necessary, but ironing the garment is not recommended.

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- If you are not able to pick up your cap and gown, send an email to the Bookstore at 0291mgr@follett.com to request that your cap and gown be mailed to you. In your request, include your name, student ID number, height and weight, and your mailing address so your cap and gown can be shipped to you.
- Grad Fair
 - Kick-off your senior season at Grad Fair!
 - At this event, you will be able to pick-up Commencement tickets and your cap and gown; speak with representatives from Alumni Affairs, One Stop, and other campus departments; purchase graduation announcements, class rings, and other WC alumni gear; enjoy time with your fellow graduates; and, even enter to win great door prizes!
 - Bring a photo ID to receive your eight (8) Commencement tickets.
 - **For those unable to attend Grad Fair:**
 - Caps and gowns may be picked up at the Bookstore
 - Bring your photo ID
 - The Bookstore is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Commencement tickets may be picked up at One Stop between Wednesday, March 29 and Friday, April 14. One Stop is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students who would like to request additional tickets may do so at One Stop during the window of time listed above. If you are not able to go to One Stop, you can email One Stop at sos@wilmington.edu and request to have your tickets mailed to you.
- Baccalaureate
 - This ceremony is a time for reflection and a chance to look back over your college years.
 - Attire for this event is business casual.
 - Senior Video
 - The Senior Video will be shown during the Baccalaureate.
 - All photos for the video must be received by Friday, April 14.
 - Submit photos at: <https://wilmingtoncollege.wufoo.com/forms/2023-baccalaureate-senior-video/>
 - Please note the following guidelines for photo submissions:
 - Limit 5 photos per person
 - Photos must be less than 10MB
 - Send the original photo file. Photos pulled from social media will be used at the discretion of the media team based on resolution and quality.
 - The Office of Public Relations reserves the right to reject any photos.
 - Seniors will sign the rock after Baccalaureate.

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- Commencement Rehearsal
 - A rehearsal for the ceremony will take place immediately following the Graduate Lunch.
 - A panoramic class photo will be taken immediately following the rehearsal.
- Commencement Ceremony
 - **9:00 a.m. – Line up for Commencement procession – BCAC**
 - Please be on time!
 - Arrive dressed in your cap and gown
 - Professional photographers will be available to take your photo
 - **10:15 a.m. – Procession to Hermann Court begins**
 - **10:30 a.m. – Commencement ceremony begins**
 - **12:30 p.m. – Commencement ceremony ends**
- Special Accommodation seating
 - Recognizing some of our guests, due to physical limitations, may require seating that avoids the need to navigate stairs, we have a designated area with limited space.
 - Securing tickets
 - Students with a guest requiring special accommodation seating must complete an online form requesting a pass. Please use the following link to access the form: <https://wilmingtoncollege.wufoo.com/forms/special-accommodation-seating-request/>
 - We regret that due to limited space, we can only accommodate up to one special accommodation request per graduate and one companion to the individual needing special seating.
 - Please note that guests in the special accommodation section will require BOTH an entry ticket (one of the 8 allotted to each graduate) AND a special accommodation seating pass.
 - Requests for special accommodation seating must be received by Friday, April 14.
 - Special Accommodation seating area
 - The Commencement ceremony will be held in Hermann Court, which offers stadium seating on one side (seats with backs) and bleacher seating on the other (seats with no backs). There are no handrails ascending into either of these seating areas. Special Accommodation seats are reserved for individuals in wheelchairs or those who cannot easily navigate stairs.
 - We request an early arrival for our guests who will need to sit in the special accommodation seating area. Early arrival begins at 9:30 a.m. to ensure that all our guests will be seated by 10:15 a.m. when the processional starts.
 - Guests not requiring accessible seating may enter Hermann Court at 9:30 a.m. *No one will be allowed to enter Hermann Court during the processional which will begin at 10:15 a.m.*



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- Special Accommodation Guest Drop-off/Parking
 - For ground level access to seating, guests who will be in the Special Accommodations area should be dropped-off behind Hermann Court. Commencement staff will be available to assist guests to their seats. All cars will need to be parked in the designated parking lots.
- Graduation Survey
 - Be on the lookout for an email asking you to complete a graduation survey from Career Services/Daniel McCamish. The message will be sent to your Wilmington College email address.
- Student Loan Borrowers
 - Federal Direct loan borrowers must complete Exit Loan Counseling online at <https://studentaid.gov/exit-counseling>. You will select the *Log-In to Start* option next to your appropriate status (Undergraduate or Graduate Student).
 - Institutional loan borrowers must contact Vicki Baker-McFarlane to review the rights and responsibilities in preparation of repaying your loan(s). Appointments can be scheduled by emailing Vicki at vicki_mcfarlane@wilmington.edu.
- Student Accounts
 - Student accounts must be paid in full.
 - Payments may be made online or by check at the One Stop.
 - Balances must be paid-in-full before your diploma and transcript can be mailed. The approximate date for diplomas and transcripts to be mailed is June 15.
 - Students who wish to pay their account balance with cash should make payment by June 1.

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FAQ's

- What should I wear besides my cap and gown?
 - Commencement is a formal occasion and appropriate attire under your gown is required. For the ceremony, it is suggested you wear comfortable shoes (please, no flip flops) and men should wear pants (not shorts). Keep in mind that the gym is not air conditioned. Depending on the weather, it can get very hot in Hermann Court! Do not iron your gown, but please hang it up or steam it to remove creases before the ceremony.
- What can I bring to the ceremony?
 - Do not bring anything that you can't carry in your pocket under your robe. There is no option for securing personal property during the ceremony. We strongly discourage carrying large items (e.g., balloons or bouquets).
- What about transcripts?
 - One complimentary copy of your final transcript and your diploma will be mailed to your home address by late June for Spring graduates (provided your student account is clear with One Stop). Additional copies of transcripts may be requested through <http://www.wilmington.edu> by clicking on *Request Transcript* at the bottom of the first page. Please note that there is a fee for additional transcripts.
- What about lodging for my guests?
 - Below is a list of local hotels for guests who will be staying in Wilmington. When you are making your reservation with the hotel, check to see if they are offering a discount for guests attending Commencement.
 - **The General Denver Hotel/Bed & Breakfast** – 81 W Main S, (937) 383-4141
 - **Hampton Inn & Suites** – 201 Holiday Drive, (937) 382-4400
 - **Holiday Inn Express** – 155 Holiday Drive, (937) 382-5858
 - **Roberts Centre Holiday Inn** – (Rt. 68 & I-71), (937) 283-3200
 - **TownePlace Suites by Marriott** – 175 Holiday Drive, 937-805-0420
 - **The Wilmington Inn** – 909 Fife Avenue, (937) 382-6000

If you have additional questions, please contact commencement@wilmington.edu.