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Detailed information follows on additional pages.

- Friday, March 22 - Deadline to RSVP for Grad Fair, Senior Lunch, Baccalaureate and Commencement.
- Friday, March 22 – Deadline to submit special accommodation seating requests for commencement.
- Tuesday, April 2 – Grad Fair from 10:00am to 4:30pm in McCoy Room
- Wednesday, April 3 – Spring Career Fair from 3:00pm to 7:00pm in the Center for Sports Science (CCS)
- Wednesday, April 3 – Pick up initial Commencement tickets and submit request for additional Commencement tickets at One Stop, by 5:00pm.
- Friday April 12 – Deadline to submit photos for Baccalaureate Senior Video
- Friday April 19 – Deadline to pick up Commencement tickets and submit request for additional tickets, in One Stop, by 5:00pm.
- Friday, April 19 – Deadline for Completion of Exit Loan Counseling
- Friday April 19 – Deadline for student accounts to be paid-in-full.
- Sunday, April 21 – Student Honors Convocation at 2:00pm in the Hugh Heiland Theater, Boyd Cultural Arts Center.
- Monday, April 22 – Pick up additional tickets at One Stop from 8:00am to 5:00pm.
- Saturday, April 23- Lavender Celebration, Time and Location is TBD.
- Thursday, April 30 – Deadline to pick up additional tickets at One Stop from 8:00am to 5:00pm.
- Thursday, April 30 – Tyehimba Celebration at 6:30pm in Boyd Cultural Arts Center.
- Thursday, May 2 – Research Forum from 10:00am to 12:30pm in Hermann Court.
- Thursday, May 2 – Community Day from 12:00pm to 5:00pm on the mall.
- Thursday, May 2 – Late night Breakfast from 9:00pm to 11:00pm in the TOP, Pyle Center.
- Thursday, May 9 – Zero-year Reunion from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Tin Cap.



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- Friday, May 10 – Baccalaureate at 10:30am in the Hugh Heiland Theatre, Boyd Cultural Arts Center.
- Friday, May 10 – Graduate Lunch at 12:00pm noon at the TOP, Pyle Center.
- Friday, May 10 – Commencement Rehearsal immediately following Graduate Lunch (approximately 2:00pm), in Hermann Court.
- Friday, May 10 - Class photo immediately following Commencement Rehearsal (approximately 3:00pm) outside Hermann Court.
- Friday, May 10 - Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony, McCoy room, 5:00pm
- Saturday, May 11 – Commencement Ceremony at 10:15am in Herman Court (Graduates report to Hugh Heiland Theater at 9:00am)

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, March 22:
<https://wilmingtoncollege.wufoo.com/forms/z1exwu9v1f96r2l/>
 - 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 12, may be redistributed to students as extra tickets.
 - Reasonable requests for additional tickets may be made at Grad Fair (on Tuesday April 2) or at One Stop between Wednesday, March 20 and Friday, April 12. *Should additional tickets be available, main campus students can pick up additional tickets*

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beginning Monday, April 15. The deadline to pick up additional tickets is Friday, April 29.

- **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.
- 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! We want to celebrate YOU!
- At this event, you will be able to:
 - pick-up Commencement tickets.
 - pick up 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.
 - enjoy some food and fun to celebrate this huge milestone.
 - Bring your photo ID to receive your 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 can be picked up April 3 thru April 19 at One Stop. One Stop is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students who want to request more tickets may do so at One Stop during the 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.

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- **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 12
 - Submit photos to: <https://wilmingtoncollege.wufoo.com/forms/zcg3ljw1at87xr/>
 - Please note the following guidelines for photo submissions:
 - Limit 3 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.
 - Any questions, please contact bekah.wall@wilmington.edu
- Seniors will sign the rock after Baccalaureate.

- **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:
 - Detailed Information
 - Commencement Basics
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- 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.

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- Requests for special accommodation must be received by Friday, March 22
- **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 and the steps are steep.** Special Accommodation seats are reserved for individuals in wheelchairs or those who cannot easily navigate the 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 permitted to enter Hermann Court during the processional which will begin at 10:15 a.m.*
- **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 Courtney Cole to review the rights and responsibilities in preparation of repaying your loan(s). Appointments can be scheduled by emailing courtney.cole@wilmington.edu
- **Student Accounts**
 - Student accounts **must be paid-in-full by April 19**
 - 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.

FAQ's

- What should I wear besides my cap and gown?

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- 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 Student Accounts). Additional copies of transcripts may be requested through <http://www.wilmington.edu> by clicking on *Request Transcript* at the bottom of the first page. 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** – 123 Gano St.(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.