

FACT SHEET
GOUCHER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2011
Friday, May 20

Key Dates and Events

- May 16 – 20** Regalia (caps and gowns) distribution – Goucher Bookstore. *See reverse for more information.*
- Thursday, May 19** **Baccalaureate**
4:15 p.m. Graduates assemble in Merrick Lecture Hall for Baccalaureate.
Graduates should wear their Commencement regalia.
- Friday, May 20** **Commencement**
9:00 a.m. Assembling of Graduates
Report to Rosenberg Gallery in Kraushaar Auditorium.
- 10:30 a.m. Commencement Exercises on the Winslow Great Lawn, between the Athenaeum and Welsh Hall
A reception will immediately follow Commencement at approximately 12:30 p.m.
- 10:00 p.m. Residence halls close

BACCALAUREATE – Thursday, May 19, 4:30 p.m., Kraushaar Auditorium
Baccalaureate is a celebration for all graduating seniors, their families, and friends. At this gathering of readings, music, and prayer from diverse spiritual traditions led by seniors, there will be a keynote address by a member of the Goucher community. Line up in Merrick Lecture Hall with your regalia (caps and gowns) at 3:45 p.m.

ASSEMBLING OF GRADUATES – Friday, May 20, 9:00 a.m., Rosenberg Gallery
Please be on time for this meeting, as positions in the procession will be assigned at 9:15 a.m.
NOTE: Any graduate absent from this meeting will not be called for a diploma.

COMMENCEMENT LOCATION

Commencement exercises will be held on the Winslow Great Lawn, between the Athenaeum and Welsh Hall. Tickets are not required, and seating is based on a first-available basis. This year, Goucher will also be presenting a video “live stream” of the Commencement exercises. To watch the ceremony in real time from your computer, go to www.goucher.edu/live or click the link found on Goucher’s homepage at www.goucher.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REGALIA

Commencement is a formal ceremony, and it requires a number of formalities – including wearing Commencement regalia. Announcements, regalia, and other graduation memorabilia may be purchased through the Goucher Bookstore. **If you have not already ordered your Commencement regalia, you must contact the Registrar's Office (registrar@goucher.edu) and do so immediately.** If you have ordered a cap and gown, they will be in the bookstore May 16 through 20 for pick-up. **Commencement regalia is yours to keep; do not return it to the bookstore.** The Goucher Bookstore is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday; and until 4 p.m. on the day of Commencement.

SPECIAL SEATING FOR GUESTS WITH MOBILITY LIMITATIONS

Please contact the Office of Public Safety (410-337-6112) by Monday, May 16, regarding special arrangements for guests in wheelchairs who will be attending Commencement. The Office of Public Safety will need the automobile license number and a description of the vehicle in order to provide ample seating in a designated area.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Classic Photography will photograph each graduate receiving his or her diploma on stage. Proofs will be mailed to your home address approximately three weeks after Commencement. Contact Classic Photography at 410-203-1003, FAX 410-203-1002, if you have questions.

GRADES AND TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors who wish to have official transcripts showing second-semester grades and a statement of graduation sent to graduate schools or employers should file requests in the Student Administrative Services Office before they leave the campus. **The graduation date and appropriate honors are posted after May 20.** Please allow ample processing time. A student may receive a diploma and a transcript only after satisfactory settlement of all college bills and any student-conduct sanctions.

Notification of completion of the degree will be emailed to students on May 19, and will not be released beforehand. Please refrain from requesting this information prior to this release date in order to allow the staff time to complete their work. Students who do not satisfy all of the graduation requirements will be contacted by the Office of the Provost.

IN ABSENTIA

Students who intend to receive their degree in absentia should notify the registrar, Andrew Westfall, in Student Administrative Services (410-337-6095 or andrew.westfall@goucher.edu), no later than one week prior to Commencement.