

FACT SHEET
GOUCHER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2010

Key Dates and Events

- May 10 – 14**
and **17– 19** Commencement ticket pick-up – Events & Conference Services Office
in Rosenberg Gallery, 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your
student ID card with you; you will be asked to sign for your tickets.
- May 17 – 21** Cap and gown distribution – Goucher Bookstore. *See reverse for more information.*
- Thursday, May 20** **Baccalaureate**
4:30 p.m. Graduates will gather in the Dorsey Center Courtyard for bus travel to Baccalaureate.
(Graduates are expected to ride busses provided by the College; registration
information will be emailed in April.)
Graduates should wear their Commencement caps and gowns.
- 5:30 p.m. Baccalaureate, Lovely Lane United Methodist Church
The church is the original site of Baccalaureate and Commencement.
- Friday, May 21** **Commencement**
9:15 a.m. Assembling of Graduates
Report to Rosenberg Gallery in Kraushaar Auditorium.
(In the event of rain, report to the old gym in the Decker Sports and Recreation
Center.)
- 10:30 a.m. Commencement Exercises on Mary Fisher Lawn
(Rain location: Decker Sports and Recreation Center)
A reception will immediately follow commencement.
- 10:00 p.m. Residence halls close

BACCALAUREATE – Thursday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.

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.

ASSEMBLING OF GRADUATES – Friday, May 21, 9:15 a.m., Rosenberg Gallery

(In the event of rain, assemble in the old gym in the Decker Sports and Recreation Center.)
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

Weather permitting, commencement exercises will be held outdoors on Mary Fisher lawn. Tickets are not required, and seating is based on a first-available basis. **In the event of rain**, the alternate location will be the Decker Sports and Recreation Center, and tickets will be **REQUIRED**.

COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

Each graduate will be allowed five (5) tickets for family and guests. (Graduates are not required to have a ticket.) Tickets may be picked up at the Events and Conference Services Office in the Rosenberg Gallery, May 10 through 14, and May 17 through 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your Goucher student ID when you come; you will be asked to sign for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CAPS & GOWNS

Commencement is a formal ceremony, and it requires a number of formalities – including wearing Commencement regalia (cap, gown, hood, and tassel). Announcements, regalia, and other graduation memorabilia may be purchased through the Goucher Bookstore. **If you have not already ordered your Commencement regalia, you should go to the bookstore and do so immediately.** Any orders placed after Friday, March 26, are not guaranteed to arrive in time for the ceremony. If you have ordered a cap and gown, they will be in the bookstore May 17 through 21 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 17, 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 21.** 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.