

**COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES
FOR TRADITIONAL GRADUATES**

May 3-4, 2019

Friday – May 3, 2019

6:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Eternal Flame for Graduates (Communication via text/email will be sent by 4:30 p.m. this day to all Graduates for location to meet; campus lawn, or in the event of rain in the R. R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium). Academic regalia is required for all.

Senior class photo and Legacy Family (Graduates with parents who attended MVNU) photo at the Eternal Flame. (In the event of rain, in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium. If the Ribbon Cutting ceremony is moved inside, the Legacy photo will be moved as well.)

6:30 p.m. Line forms for all Graduates, Faculty, and Trustees (Graduates assemble outside Faculty Hall, or in the event of rain in Thorne Performance Hall-Chapel 113 and Nease Rehearsal Hall-Chapel 124). Academic regalia is required for all.

7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate worship service for all graduates and families (R. R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium)

Immediately following the Baccalaureate worship service:
President's Dessert Reception for all Graduates and their Guests, Trustees, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff (Dining Commons)

Saturday – May 4, 2019

8:00 a.m. Chapel/Auditorium doors open for ticket holders (seats are not reserved)

8:15-9:30 a.m. Graduates check in at the Graduate Check-In table (Communication via email will be sent by 4:30 p.m. the day before to all Graduates for location to meet; if the decision is made to be outside, Graduates will meet at Graduate Check-In table outside of Faculty Hall; if the decision is made to be inside, Graduates will meet at Graduate Check-In table inside the Chapel Lobby and will be directed from there.)

9:30 a.m. Chapel/Auditorium open for non-ticket holders (open seating)

9:30 a.m. Line forms for Graduates (if already outside, Graduates assemble outside Faculty Hall; if already inside, Graduates assemble in Thorne Performance Hall-Chapel 113 and Nease Rehearsal Hall-Chapel 124). Academic regalia is required for all.

10:00 a.m. Commencement ceremony for the traditional undergraduates (R. R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium)

3:00 p.m. Residence halls close

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Traditional undergraduate students may pick up their academic regalia and tickets at the Regalia Pick-Up Event in Ariel Arena Lobby on Tuesday, April 16th, from 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. There is no additional cost for the regalia as it has already been ordered by the Registrar's Office based on the height and weight information specified on the Intent to Graduate form.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Any changes to the schedule or location of lineup will be communicated via MVNU's NIXLE system, WNZR (90.9 FM), and MVNU email. To sign up for NIXLE alerts, text "MVNU" to 888777.

CHILD CARE FACILITIES

During the Baccalaureate worship service and Commencement ceremonies, parents are free to use CHPL232 for a changing, play or quiet area for infants and small children. No attendant will be on duty. A Nursing Mothers room will be available in CHPL216.

VIDEO STREAMING

Commencement ceremonies will be available via live video streaming at <http://mvnu.tv>.

ENTERING THE CAMPUS AND PARKING

On Commencement Day, we ask that all traffic enter the campus through the main entrance on Martinsburg Road. To facilitate a safer flow of traffic, the Cougar Drive entrance will be closed to entering traffic, but will be open to exiting traffic.

All students are to park at their residence or in the R parking lot between Rosewood and Cypress apartments (west of the soccer fields) Friday evening through Saturday noon. Reserved parking near the chapel complex is for off-campus guests. Shuttle vans will run between the chapel complex and remote parking lots. Please do not park on lawns. Safety officers will guide campus parking.

TICKETS AND RESERVED SEATING

No tickets are required for admission to the Baccalaureate service. All graduates and families are encouraged to attend.

Tickets are required for admission to the morning Commencement ceremony between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Six (6) tickets will be distributed to each graduate for commencement. Seats in the auditorium cannot be reserved. Infants and toddlers (age 3 and under) who will either be held or be seated on an adult's lap are not required to have a ticket to gain entrance to the auditorium. Guests without tickets may sit in any available seating in the auditorium after 9:30 a.m.. Overflow seating and guests without tickets may also be seated in Thorne Performance Hall with closed circuit television broadcasting the commencement ceremonies.

Guests who require wheelchair seating should contact an usher upon arrival. Areas have been designated in the auditorium on the main floor to accommodate. As this space is limited, we encourage these families to arrive as early as possible. Please see the reverse side for times the doors will be open.

PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer has been contracted. To minimize confusion and congestion during the awarding of degrees, please restrict personal photographs to graduates off-stage. We also ask that camera tripods not restrict the safety and convenience of our guests as they move through aisles. Please respect those who are trying to view the ceremonies from auditorium seating. All pictures will be available online for viewing and ordering at www.seavoltsstudio.com. Once at the site, please click the link labeled "Log into our store here" at the bottom of the homepage. Pictures will be online within 72 hours and available until the end of December. If you have questions about photography, please contact Seavolt's Studio at (740) 397-0541.

DVD/DIGITAL COPY ORDER

A DVD and/or Digital Copy of the Baccalaureate worship service and Commencement ceremony may be purchased online from the Cougar Corner Campus Store at <http://cougarcornerstore.com>, or you can call (740) 397-9000, extension 4457. An online archive of the services will be available for approximately eight months at mvnu.tv by clicking the ON DEMAND tab.

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GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation announcements for your printer may be purchased from the Cougar Corner Campus Store. Please visit their website at cougarcornerstore.com, or you can call (740) 397-9000, extension 4457. Visit Jostens.com (phone (800) 854-7464) and search 'Mount Vernon Nazarene University' for custom product offerings.

MVNU SPORTSWEAR & GIFTS

We hope you visit the Cougar Corner Campus Store! There is a great selection of MVNU items including Diploma Frames. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. following the morning Commencement Ceremony. Graduation Day Sale - 20% off regular price MVNU items (some exclusions apply). You can also shop online at cougarcornerstore.com.