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Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercises 2023

Student Information Book

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 20, 2023
4 p.m.

Queens Campus Baccalaureate Mass ~ Tickets required
St. Thomas More Church, Queens Campus
(Doors open at 3 p.m.)

Staten Island Campus Baccalaureate Mass ~ Tickets required
Upper Level, Student Campus Center, Staten Island Campus
(Doors open at 3 p.m.)

5:30 p.m.

Queens Family Graduate Dinner (For Undergraduate students only) ~ Tickets required
Carnesecca Arena, Queens Campus
(Doors open at 5 p.m.)

Staten Island Family Graduate Dinner (For Undergraduate students only) ~ Tickets required
Upper Level, Student Campus Center, Staten Island Campus
(Doors open at 5 p.m.)

Sunday, May 21, 2023
By 8 a.m.

All graduating students assemble for line up in their designated locations
(see pg. 10 for assembly and line up areas)

9:15 a.m.

Student Procession Begins

10 a.m.

Commencement Exercises ~ Tickets required for all guests
Great Lawn (Rain or Shine)

Rules of Conduct

The Dean of Student Affairs advises graduates that the University will not hesitate to take serious disciplinary actions against students for alcohol abuse and destruction of property or other violations of University policy during graduation activities or the Commencement Exercises.



Key Dates and Deadlines

February/March	<p>Visit your dean's office to confirm your eligibility to participate in Commencement 2023</p> <p>Review this Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercises 2023 Student Information Book and visit the Commencement Website at www.stjohns.edu/commencement</p> <p>Visit the University Information System (UIS) to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Review your transcript for accuracy of grade changes, transfer credits, etc.~ Check your account for holds (parking tickets, general fees, etc.), and clear all holds with the Bursar's Office~ Update your home address and contact information
February	<p>Academic attire purchasing opens for Commencement Exercises 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Communications will be sent to student's St. John's email address with instructions on how to purchase academic attire.
March 7	<p>Online application for diploma ordering opens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~ go to University Information System (UIS) via signon.stjohns.edu to order your diploma
March 13	<p>Purchase tickets to the Family Graduate Dinner</p>
March 17	<p>Last day to pre-purchase academic attire online for Commencement 2023</p>
March 28	<p>Registration opens for Commencement Exercises 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Communications will be sent to student's St. John's email address with instructions on how to register.
April 21	<p>Last day to purchase academic attire online for Commencement 2023 with home ship option</p> <p>Last day to order graduation announcements if you want them in time for Commencement 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Visit herff.ly/stj <p>Note: Announcements can be ordered up to June 30, 2023</p>
April 24	<p>Last day to register for Commencement 2023</p> <p>Queens /Manhattan Campus Students can pick-up pre-purchased attire from Campus Bookstore</p>
April 27	<p>Staten Island Campus Students can pick-up pre-purchased attire on Staten Island Campus from 1 – 6 p.m.</p>
April 28	<p>Last day to purchase tickets for Queens and Staten Island Family Graduate Dinner</p>
May	<p>Pick-up Queens and Staten Island Campus Baccalaureate Mass tickets from respective Campus Ministry Offices</p>
May 1	<p>Purchase Academic Attire In Person on the Queens Campus from Campus Bookstore</p>
May 9	<p>Staten Island Campus Students can pick-up and purchase academic attire in person from 12 – 4 p.m.</p>
May 16	<p>Last day to complete the online application for diploma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~ go to University Information System (UIS) via signon.stjohns.edu to order your diploma
May 20	<p>Staten Island and Queens Baccalaureate Mass and Family Graduate Dinner</p>
May 21	<p>Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercises</p>
June 26	<p>Digital Commemorative Book with names will be available on the Commencement website to view, download and share with friends and family.</p>
July 14	<p>Diplomas become available.</p>

International Students Requesting Invitation to Commencement

Do you have family or guests coming from outside of the United States that need travel documentation? If yes, please follow the procedure below.

1. Student completes a letter request form from the Registrar's Office
2. Registrar confirms with deans' office to make sure they are on the graduation list
3. Once confirmed, Registrar creates a letter stating the student is expected to graduate and the ceremony is held on the Queens Campus

Notes:

- Students can have the letter picked up or mailed to them.
- Registrar does not send individual invitations to family members and produces as many letters as they request.

Diploma Ordering

Diplomas

- Graduates must submit an online diploma application in order to receive their diploma.
- The last day to order your diploma is **Tuesday, May 16**.

Instructions for the Online Application for Diploma:

1. Log onto **University Information System (UIS)** via signon.stjohns.edu
2. Go to the *Student* tab.
3. Select *Graduation > Application for Diploma*

Pick-Up Dates

- Diplomas will be available after **Friday, July 14**, dependent upon the date the diploma was ordered. Contact your dean's office for more information.

Diplomas are ordered throughout the spring term, if a student applied late for their diploma, it will not be available at the beginning of diploma distribution. Be sure to call your dean's office beforehand to confirm your diploma is available. (See pages 20 – 21 for your dean's contact information)

Please contact the Registrar's Office for more information regarding the ordering process.

Student Academic Attire Purchase – Herff Jones & Bookstore

All graduates must purchase academic attire in order to participate in the Commencement Exercises. Wearing academic attire (cap, gown and hood) is both a tradition and a requirement to participate in the Commencement Exercises. [Herff Jones](#) will host the ordering website with a home ship or an on campus pick-up option. The Herff Jones website can be accessed [here](#).

Home Ship Academic Attire

Graduates can home ship academic attire now through Friday, April 21, 2023.

- A standard shipping cost will be incurred to ship attire to a student's home address.
- Standard processing / shipping takes up to 3 weeks within the continental US. International orders can take up to 4 weeks to process.

Pre-Purchase Academic Attire

Graduates can pre-purchase academic attire now through Friday, March 17, 2023.

- Queens/Manhattan Campus Students who pre-purchase attire will be given the opportunity to pick-up their attire at the Campus Bookstore on the Queens campus between Monday, April 24 through Commencement Day during regular business hours.
- Staten Island Campus Students who pre-purchase attire will have the opportunity to pick-up attire on the Staten Island campus on Thursday, April 27 between 1 – 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 9 between 12 – 4 p.m.

Student Academic Attire Purchase *continued*

Purchase Academic Attire In-Person

Graduates can purchase academic attire in person.

- All Graduates can go to the Campus Bookstore, during regular business hours, on the Queens Campus beginning Monday, May 1 through Commencement Day to purchase academic attire and accessories.
- Staten Island Campus Graduates will also have the opportunity to purchase academic attire and accessories on the Staten Island Campus on Tuesday, May 9 between 12 – 4 p.m.

Cost for Academic Attire (cost includes student's Cap with black tassel, Gown, and Hood)

	Online Pre-Purchase by Friday, March 17, 2023 @ 11:59 p.m. and In-Person Purchase beginning Monday, May 1, 2023	Online Home Ship by Friday, April 21, 2023 @ 11:59 p.m. (standard shipping cost applies \$13.95)
Associate	\$62	\$62 + \$13.95
Bachelor	\$69	\$69 + \$13.95
Master	\$84	\$84 + \$13.95
Doctorate	\$115	\$115 + \$13.95

If you have questions or concerns about regalia affordability, or if the cost of the regalia may prevent you from participating in the Commencement ceremony, please contact the Office of University Events at universityevents@stjohns.edu. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

For apparel under your attire, dress with an eye to comfort and the weather. Sunglasses and sunscreen could also prove useful. It is strongly recommended that you not bring personal belongings to the ceremony.

Honor Society Cords

- For more information regarding cords and how to receive them, please contact your honor society's administrator or dean's office.

Note: The University does not offer cords for Latin Honors (Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude)



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Student Registration – MarchingOrder

Graduates must register to attend and participate in the Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercises. Students who have been deemed eligible to participate by their respective dean's office may register to attend the Commencement Exercises. To confirm your eligibility status, contact your dean's office immediately.

Graduates will receive communications via their St. John's email with instructions on how to register.

- Registration begins on **Tuesday, March 28** and ends on **Monday, April 24**.
- Graduates will submit a pronunciation recording and provide the phonetics of their name which will assist in preparing the recording of their name for use as they cross the stage on commencement day.
- Following registration, graduates will be able to claim their five (5) guest tickets online.
- Registration must be completed for graduates' personalized GradPass to be created.

If you require special accommodations of any kind on graduation day, please notify your dean's office immediately.

Student GradPass

Each student needs to complete the registration process on the MarchingOrder site to receive their personalized GradPass on Commencement Day. Instructions to register on MarchingOrder will be sent to each student via their St. John's email account in March.

- On Commencement Day, students will check-in at their line-up areas, receive and have their GradPass scanned.
- As the graduate approaches the stage during the calling of names, their GradPass will be scanned a second time.
- The GradPass will allow for the pre-recorded name of each graduate to be announced as the graduate walks across the stage.
- The GradPass will also allow for the graduates' name to be displayed on the large viewing screens, as the graduate walks across the stage.
- After the graduate crosses the stage, they are expected to return to their seats for the remainder of the ceremony and to recess out together with their fellow classmates.

Student Guest Tickets

All guests are required to present a ticket for entry to the Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercises on the Great Lawn or simulcast location. Children under the age of two do not require a ticket; however, they must be seated on an adult's lap. Seating for guests is based on the order of arrival, and seats cannot be saved. All ticket holders must be present at the time of entry to be seated together. As the ceremony is heavily attended, we recommend that family and guests arrive early and are seated on the lawn by 8:15 a.m. (1 hour prior to the start of the procession) or by 8:45 a.m. the latest.

Students will be able to reserve, print and/or email their allotted guest tickets on the MarchingOrder Site. Students are required to complete their registration, provide phonetics for the pronunciation of their pre-recorded name before they can reserve their guest tickets. On the day of the ceremony, guest can bring tickets in paper or electronic form.

- Each graduate participating in the Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercises will receive five (5) guest tickets.
- Guest tickets will be scanned on the day of the ceremony.
 - Tickets cannot be assigned to more than one individual or be duplicated
 - Tickets can only be scanned once, for admittance into the ceremony.
- Additional tickets are not available. It is recommended that Graduates in need of additional tickets, reach out to fellow Johnnies who may not be utilizing all their tickets.
- The Commencement Exercises will also be streamed live for those guests unable to attend the ceremony on our Commencement website at www.stjohns.edu/commencement.

Queens Baccalaureate Mass ~ Open to all Graduating Students

Saturday, May 20, 2023
4 p.m. (Doors open at 3 p.m.)
St. Thomas More Church

The Baccalaureate Mass is an opportunity for the University Community to gather with you and your families to give thanks for all of the gifts and blessings you have received from God. It is also our chance to pray for you and to ask God's blessing upon you as you move into the next phase of your life.

Mass Tickets and Seating

- Mass tickets can be picked up beginning in May in the Office of Campus Ministry, Marillac Hall, Rm. 239 and St. Thomas More Church offices, during regular business hours.
- Admission is by ticket only.
- Seating is on a first-come, first served basis and will be based on the order of arrival.
- Seats may not be saved.
- Graduates are asked to wear their academic attire to Mass. The hood may be worn, but we ask that graduates not wear their cap to Mass.
- Graduates should sit with their families during Mass.

For more information regarding Mass tickets, please contact the [Office of Campus Ministry](#) at 718-990-6255.

Participate in Mass

If you would like to participate in the Mass in a ministerial role, such as a lector, extraordinary minister of communion, candle bearer or gift bearer, or if a graduate or member of a graduate's family is a Catholic Priest and would like to concelebrate the Mass, please contact [Dennis Gallagher](#) at 718-990-2125 or email gallagd1@stjohns.edu.

Queens Family Graduate Dinner ~ For Undergraduate Students Only

Saturday, May 20, 2023
5:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5 p.m.)
Carnesecca Arena
Hosted by Student Government, Inc.

As your time at St. John's comes to an end, it is only fitting that you take a moment to celebrate your accomplishments with those who have helped make them possible. The Family Graduate Dinner will honor the graduating Class of 2023, along with their families who have shown endless support throughout the years.

Reply by Friday, April 28, 2023

- Students must complete the online form and purchase tickets to attend the event at www.stjohns.edu/familygraduatedinner

Admission and Tickets

- This event is only for Queens students who graduated in December 2022 or will graduate in May 2023.
- Registration is required and you are entitled to a total of five tickets (Graduate + 4 guests)
- Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis and this dinner sells out every year.
- Graduates must bring their StormCard and online ticket confirmation in order to attend.
- The dress code for this event is business attire.

This event is subject to change based on current public health conditions and recommendations of health experts.

For more information, please contact [Natalie Storelli](#) at storelln@stjohns.edu.

Staten Island Baccalaureate Mass ~ Open to all Graduating Students

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4 p.m. (Doors open at 3 p.m.)

Upper Level, Student Campus Center

The Baccalaureate Mass is an opportunity for the University Community to gather with you and your families to give thanks for all of the gifts and blessings you have received from God. It is also our chance to pray for you and to ask God's blessing upon you as you move into the next phase of your life.

Mass Tickets and Seating

- Mass tickets can be picked up beginning in May in the Office of Campus Ministry, Notre Dame House, Room 101 during regular business hours.
- Admission is by ticket only.
- Seating is on a first-come, first served basis and will be based on the order of arrival.
- Seats may not be saved.
- Graduates are asked to wear their academic attire to Mass. The hood may be worn, but we ask that graduates not wear their cap to Mass.
- Graduates should sit with their families during Mass.

For more information regarding Mass tickets, please contact the [Office of Campus Ministry](#) at 718-390-4475.

Participate in Mass

If you would like to participate in the Mass in a ministerial role, such as a lector, extraordinary minister of communion, candle bearer or gift bearer, or if a graduate or member of a graduate's family is a Catholic Priest and would like to concelebrate the Mass, please contact [Campus Ministry](#) at 718-390-4475.

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Upper Level, Student Campus Center

As your time at St. John's comes to an end, it is only fitting that you take a moment to celebrate your accomplishments with those who have helped make them possible. The Office of Student Affairs will host The Family Graduate Dinner to honor the graduating Class of 2023, along with their families who have shown endless support throughout the years.

Registration and tickets are required to attend the event. Please contact [David Gachigo](#) at 718-390-4190 for more information.



Commencement Day

Graduate Responsibilities

- Arrive at your assembly location no later than **8 a.m.**
- Wear your academic attire (gown, hood, and cap) to the Commencement Exercises. Your tassel should be on the right side of your cap.
- Wear comfortable footwear and clothing, bring sunscreen and sunglasses.
- If rain is in the forecast, bring a small umbrella. NOTE: Umbrellas will not be permitted on stage during the calling of names.
- It is strongly recommended not to bring personal belongings.
- Graduates will be provided water and, if needed, a rain poncho.
- Be sure to pick-up your personalized GradPass during check-in.
- Follow the line-up, processional and recessional instructions of your academic deans, marshals and event staff.
- Once directed to your row in the graduate seating area, remain standing until the end of the Invocation.
- Follow the instructions for the calling of your name as you are asked to walk across the stage.

If you need assistance during Commencement, please locate your dean, event staff, or a Public Safety Officer.

Assembly and Line-Up Locations

- There is no rehearsal for the Commencement Exercises.
- Each school/college has a designated assembly and line-up location (see below).
- The academic deans will be in the assembly area to check-in graduates, and to distribute their personalized GradPass.

By 8 a.m. All graduates should assemble as follows:

St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Marillac Hall, 2nd Floor

The School of Education
St. Albert Hall, Basement

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
D'Angelo Center, 2nd and 3rd Floors

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
D'Angelo Center, 1st Floor

The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
Marillac Hall, 3rd Floor

****Graduates must check in with their deans during this time to receive their personalized GradPass to participate in the ceremony****

Student Procession to the Great Lawn

- The academic procession will begin on either side of the Great Lawn at **9:15 a.m.**
- Students will enter the seating area through the side aisles of the graduate seating area.
- The program will officially begin as soon as all graduates and faculty have reached their seats and the members of the Platform Party are at their seats.
- The schools and colleges will process in the following order followed by the members of the faculty:

West Side:

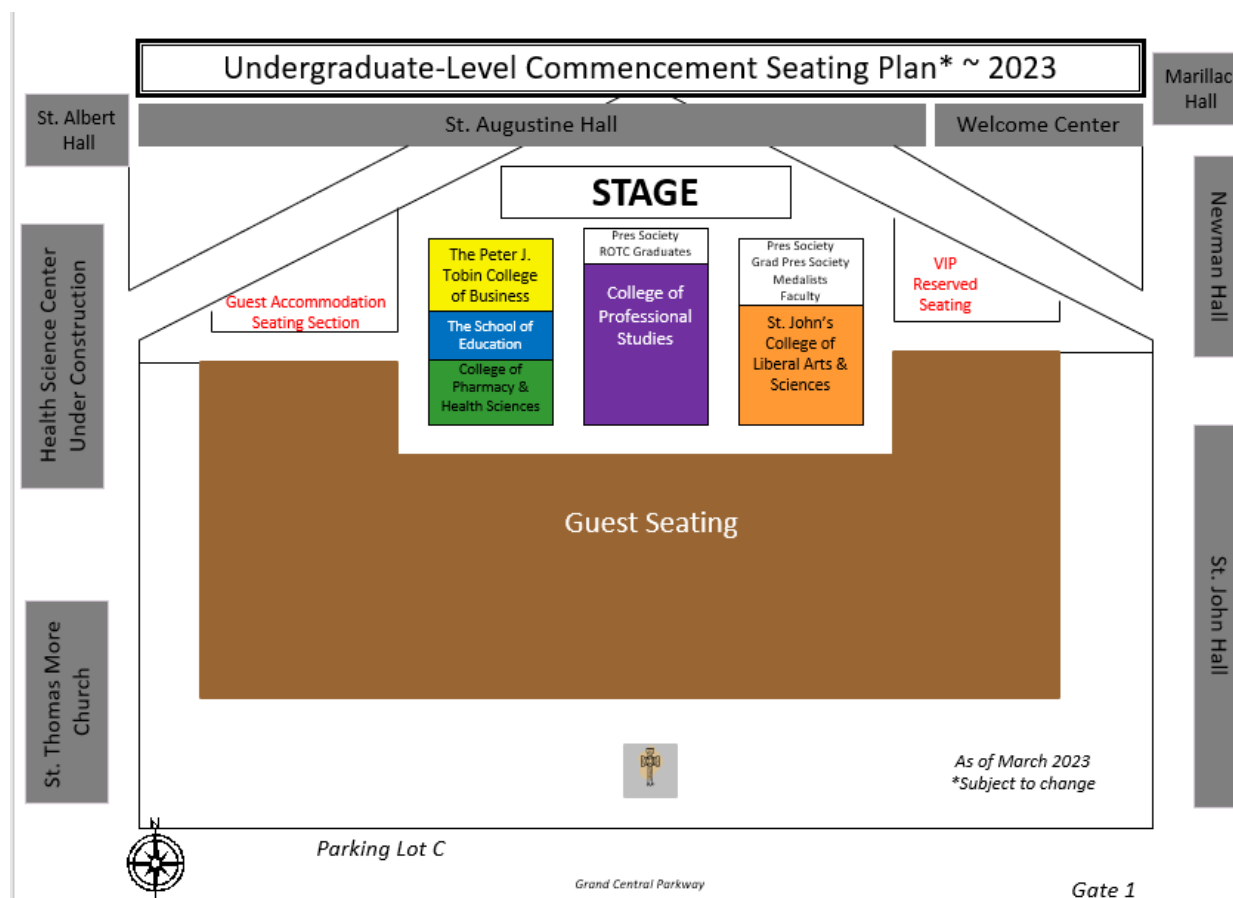
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
The School of Education
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

East Side:

The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Commencement Day *continued*

Seating



Duration of Ceremony

- Great care has been taken to ensure the ceremony is completed as quickly and smoothly as possible. The ceremony is expected to last approximately 2 ½ hours. Graduates and guests are asked to please show respect to all graduates and remain until the end of the ceremony and the student recession has ended.

Web Viewing

- The Commencement Exercises will be streamed live at www.stjohns.edu/commencement for those who are unable to attend the ceremony in person.

Ceremony Photography and Video

- There will be professional photographers from Grad Images® taking photographs of the graduates (see pg. 13 for details).
- A copy of the live-streamed video will be available for viewing on the Commencement website (www.stjohns.edu/commencement) following the ceremony.
- Guests will not be able to approach the stage area or graduate seating area prior to the start of the ceremony or for the duration of the ceremony for any reason, including photography and videotaping.

Commencement Day *continued*

Public Safety

- Please only bring necessary items with you on the day of Commencement. Please review the list below for items that are NOT allowed at the ceremony:
 - Backpacks
 - Balloons
 - Weapons
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Sealed packages of any kind
 - Aerosol cans or noisemaking devices
 - Any materials constituting unauthorized advertising or promotion
 - Personal folding chairs
 - Laser pointing devices
 - Strollers
 - Umbrellas
 - Flags, banners, or signs
 - Bottles or cans (glass or metal)
 - Animals (unless a service animal)
 - No handbags or tote bags bigger than 10"x10"x10"
 - Drones

Lost and Found

- The Office of Public Safety will collect and hold any items that are lost or found, during the ceremony. If you need to report or find a lost item, please see a Public Safety Officer.

Inclement Weather Plan

- The Commencement Exercises is held on the Great Lawn, rain or shine.
- If it is raining or rain is in the forecast on Commencement day, graduates and guests should come prepared with the appropriate rain gear. Graduates and guests will receive a poncho if it is raining; guests are advised to also bring raincoats and something to cover the seat of the lawn chair. Graduates should note that umbrellas will not be permitted on stage.
- If the ceremony is underway and severe weather conditions exist, the ceremony may be abbreviated and the calling of student names and the greeting of deans on stage may be omitted from the program. If the ceremony is abbreviated, graduates and guests should follow instructions as announced. It is advised that graduates prearrange a meeting place with family and guests in case the ceremony is abbreviated.
- If the ceremony cannot be held on the Great Lawn due to extreme or dangerous weather, the ceremony may be cancelled or postponed. No indoor facility on campus can accommodate the graduating class and thousands of guests. Every reasonable effort will be made to hold the ceremony as planned.

For the most up to date information regarding changes to the Commencement Exercises, please visit the commencement website at www.stjohns.edu/commencement. Graduates will receive a text message on the University's text messaging system if there is a change in the ceremony. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for the text messaging service via the **University Information System**.



Keepsake Items



International Stoles

- International stoles represent the country and academic accomplishments of a student who has studied abroad or is studying in the United States. Individual students can wear a stole at Commencement to show pride in their accomplishment.
- If you studied abroad and/or are international students studying here in the United States, you will be eligible to purchase an international stole on the [Herff Jones](#) website for \$34. Please note that if you have studied in more than one country, you may select only one international stole to wear at Commencement.
- For a full listing of international stoles that are available for purchase, please visit the [Herff Jones](#) website.

Stole of Gratitude

- The stole of gratitude can be worn during the Commencement Exercises.
- After the ceremony, traditionally the new graduate presents the stole of gratitude to someone who provided extraordinary help or support, someone who has provided them with wisdom, guidance, and words of support or with financial assistance.
- The stole of gratitude is available for purchase online for \$34 directly from [Herff Jones](#).

First Generation Stole

- The First Generation Stole can be worn during the Commencement Exercises.
- Graduates who are the first in their families to graduate college can purchase the First Generation Stole online for \$34 directly from [Herff Jones](#).

Bookstore

- The Queens Campus Bookstore will be open and will have merchandise available for purchase on the Great Lawn on Sunday, May 21.

Ceremony Photography and Video

Guests will not be able to approach the stage area or graduate seating area prior to the start of the ceremony or for the duration of the ceremony for any reason, including photography and videotaping.

Video

- A copy of the live-streamed video will be available for viewing on the Commencement website (www.stjohns.edu/commencement) following the ceremony.

Photography - Grad Images®

- Professional photographers from Grad Images® will be present at the Commencement Exercises to take photographs of graduates as they enter the stage, while shaking the hand of their dean and as they exit the stage.
- Graduates can pre-order their photographs by pre-registering at www.gradimages.com.
- For replacement of photos, please contact Grad Images®, Customer Service Department at 800-261-2576.

Keepsake Items *continued*

Class Rings

- Rings can be purchased through [Herff Jones](#) website.

Diploma Frames

- Diploma frames are available for purchase through the Bookstore by visiting www.stjohnscampusstore.com.

Graduation Announcements

- Personalized St. John's University graduation announcements are available for purchase online from [Herff Jones](#) website.
- Announcements should be ordered by April 14, if you want them in time for Commencement.

Note: Announcements can be ordered up to June 30, 2023

Program Books

- Graduates will receive a shortened program book at the Commencement Exercises. Guests will receive a QR code to access a digital copy of the program book.
- The Digital Commemorative Commencement program book with a full list of graduate names will be available for viewing, downloading and printing on June 26, 2023 on the Commencement website.

Tassels

- Graduates receive a standard plain black tassel with the purchase of their academic attire.
- Commemorative red and white tassels are available for purchase online directly from [Herff Jones](#) for \$7-\$9.

Yearbook

Graduates can order their yearbook from Jostens and parents and friends can build an ad to celebrate their graduate's achievements.

Queens Campus Graduates can contact Jack Flynn, flynnj@stjohns.edu, 718-990-5036 for more information.

Staten Island Campus Graduates can contact David Gachigo, 718-390-4190 for more information.



Family and Guests

Don't Forget...

- Read the Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercises 2023 Student Information Book
- Don't forget your Commencement tickets (electronic or printout)
- Check www.stjohns.edu/commencement for the latest updates
- Check www.weather.com for the latest forecast
- Check your local news for road closings/delays
- Be sure to arrive to your seats by 8:15 a.m. (1 hour before the procession starts) and no later than **8:45 a.m.**
- Make arrangements with your graduate to identify a meeting location immediately following the exercises

Clothing and Other Items

- Light colors are best as it may be hot and sunny on the Great Lawn
- Rain jacket
- Comfortable shoes
- Sunglasses and hats
- Camera
- Sunscreen
- See pg. 12 for a list of items that are NOT allowed at the ceremony

Guest Accommodations Seating Area

- Due to the large number of guests in attendance, we are only able to offer seating to the person that needs accommodations and one companion.
- Reserved parking will be located near St. Thomas More Church, and you are asked to enter through Gate 1 on Utopia Parkway. The seating section for guests needing accommodations is located at the front of the lawn on the left side, facing the stage. Please see a Public Safety Officer or a University Host for assistance.
- Sign language interpreters will be present for the duration of the ceremony. If you require these services, please see a Public Safety Officer or University host on the day of the ceremony.
- Accessible restrooms are located in St. Thomas More Church.

First Aid

- There will be emergency medical personnel on site near St. Thomas More Church.
- If you need immediate assistance, please find a Public Safety Officer or a University Host.

Restroom Locations

- Restroom Trailers will be available on the Great Lawn
- Marillac Hall, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Floors
- St. Albert Hall, 1st Floor
- St. John Hall, 2nd Floor for Women and 3rd Floor for Men
- St. Thomas More Church ~ only for those seated in the guest accommodations seating area

Simulcast Location

- Please ask any Public Safety Officer or University Hosts to direct you to the simulcast location.
- Seating in the simulcast location is limited and requires a ticket to enter. Please plan accordingly.

Web Viewing

- The Commencement Exercises will be streamed live at www.stjohns.edu/commencement for those who are unable to attend in person.

Directions, Parking, and Hotels

Be sure to check your local news for road closings and commuter delays prior to leaving for the Commencement Exercises.

Directions By Car

From Manhattan:

Take the Queens Midtown Tunnel to the Long Island Expressway, exit at Utopia Parkway. Stay on the service road to Utopia Parkway and turn right. Follow Utopia Parkway to Union Turnpike; the campus is on the right.

From Brooklyn:

Option one: Take the Belt Parkway (East) to the Van Wyck Expressway (678 N.), exit at Main Street/Union Turnpike. Proceed to the third traffic light and make a right onto the Grand Central Parkway service road. Go left on Utopia Parkway (at fourth traffic light) and proceed to the campus.

Option two: Take the Jackie Robinson Parkway (East) to the Grand Central Parkway (East); exit at Utopia Parkway, and make a left onto the campus.

From the Bronx:

Option one: Take the Throgs Neck Bridge to the Clearview Expressway. Exit at Union Turnpike. Make a right and follow to Utopia Parkway; make a left and then a right onto the campus.

Option two: Take the Triboro Bridge to the Grand Central Parkway. Exit at Utopia Parkway. Turn left at the light and left onto the campus.

From Long Island (North):

Option one: Take the Northern State Parkway to the Grand Central Parkway, exit at 188th Street. Turn left at the light, and make an immediate right onto the service road. Follow the service road to Utopia Parkway; bear right to campus.

Option two: Take the Long Island Expressway and exit at Utopia Parkway. Make a left on Utopia Parkway and proceed to Union Turnpike. The campus is on the right.

From Long Island (South):

Take the Southern State Parkway to the Cross Island Parkway. Proceed to the Grand Central Parkway (West), and exit at 188th Street. Turn left at the light, and make an immediate right onto the service road. Follow the service road to Utopia Parkway and bear right to campus.

From I-95 (North or South) and I-80 (East):

Take I-95 or I-80 to the George Washington Bridge. Cross the bridge and take the Cross Bronx Expressway to I-295 to the Throgs Neck Bridge. Follow directions above from the Bronx (option one).

Directions By Public Transportation

I.N.D. Subway:

Take the "E" or "F" train to Kew Gardens/Union Turnpike. Take the Q-46 bus to Utopia Parkway and Union Turnpike.

I.R.T. Subway:

Take the "7" train to Main Street, Flushing. From there, take the Q-17 bus to Utopia Parkway and the Long Island Expressway. Transfer to the Q-30 or Q-31 bus, which you will take to 82nd Avenue and Utopia Parkway.

From Long Island:

Take the L.I.R.R. to Jamaica Station, and catch the Q-30 to 82nd Avenue and Utopia Parkway.

Parking

- Guests are permitted to park on campus. Due to the large number of guests in attendance, there may be a shortage of parking on campus. Allow ample time to find parking.
- Graduates and guests are advised to carpool.
- If parking on our neighborhood streets, please be sure to follow local NYC parking regulations where applicable.

Directions, Parking, and Hotels

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Hotels

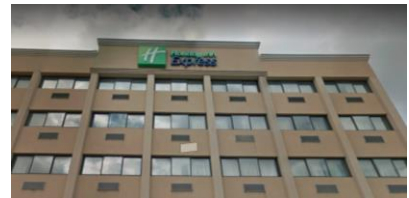
Kennedy Airport:

Holiday Inn Express, JFK Airport
153-70 South Conduit Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11434
718-977-3100
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LaGuardia Airport:

Holiday Inn Express, LaGuardia Airport
113-10 Horace Harding Expressway
Flushing, NY 11368
718-699-0994
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221-17 Northern Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361
718-631-5900
www.adriahotelny.com



Best Western Queens Gold Coast

220-33 Northern Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361
718-631-4900
www.bestwestern.com



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Courtyard by Marriott New York Queens/Fresh Meadows

183-15 Horace Harding Expressway

Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

718-767-1791

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Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott New York Queens/Fresh Meadows

183-31 Horace Harding Expressway

Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

718-767-4891

www.marriott.com



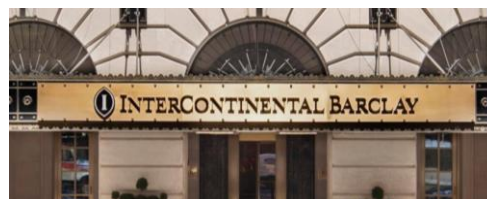
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111 E. 48th Street

New York, NY 10017

212-755-5900

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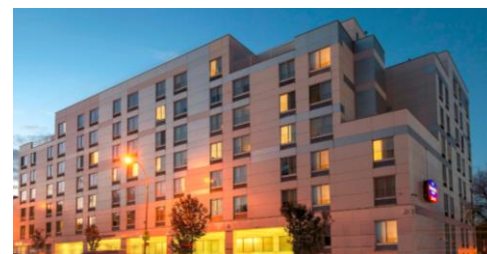
Springhill Suites by Marriott New York LaGuardia Airport

112-15 Northern Boulevard

Corona, NY 11368

718-888-9979

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Campus Map



Important Contacts ~ Queens and Manhattan Students

General Information

Academic Attire	Herff Jones/Campus Bookstore 0065mgr@follett.com
Baccalaureate Mass	718-990-6255 ~ Campus Ministry
Family Graduate Dinner	For General Information: Natalie Storelli, storelln@stjohns.edu , 718-990-2103
Ceremony Photography	1-800-261-2576 ~ Grad Images Customer Service service@gradimages.com
Diploma Applications Change of Address/Contact Information	718-990-2000 ~ Office of the Registrar http://www.stjohns.edu/academics/office-registrar
General Commencement Information	718-990-7588 ~ Office of University Events
Senior Week Activities	718-990-1357 ~ Office of Student Affairs Senior Week
Website	www.stjohns.edu/commencement
Yearbook	To order your yearbook, please click here To order a parent ad, please click here Jack Flynn, flynnj@stjohns.edu
Senior Portraits	To schedule your appointment: www.ouryear.com School code: 87128 1-800-OUR-YEAR For more information 718-990-6040 ~ Office of Student Affairs

School/College Deans Offices

The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies	718-990-6414
St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	718-990-1312
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business	718-990-6212
The School of Education	718-990-2664
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	718-990-6275

Important Contacts ~ Staten Island Students

General Information

Academic Attire (Cap, Gown and Hood)	Herff Jones/Campus Bookstore 0065mgr@follett.com
Baccalaureate Mass	718-390-4475 ~ Campus Ministry
Family Graduate Dinner	718-390-4190 ~ David Gachigo
Ceremony Photography	1-800-261-2576 ~ Customer Service service@gradimages.com
Diploma Applications Change of Address/Contact Information University Information System Issues	718-390-4425 ~ Office of the Registrar www.stjohns.edu/academics/office-registrar
General Commencement Information	718-990-7588 ~ Office of University Events
Website	www.stjohns.edu/commencement
Yearbook and Senior Portraits	718-390-4131 ~ Office of Student Affairs

School/College Deans Offices

College of Professional Studies	718-390-4449
St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	718-390-4411
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business	718-390-4517
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