Queens Commencement 2015
Student Information Book

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February 27, 2015

Dear Graduate:

Your graduation from St. John’s University will be a tremendous accomplishment. As provost, I will have the great honor of presenting you to our president, Dr. Conrado “Bobby” Gempesaw so that your degree may be officially conferred. You and your classmates have worked very hard to achieve this goal. Your graduation ceremony will reflect the dignity and significance of this milestone in your life.

As an institution we feel strongly about the importance of calling the names of each of our graduates and inviting each of the graduates to greet his or her dean on stage so that the dean may offer congratulations on behalf of the University. The names of our graduates will be read and graduates will be invited to greet his or her dean on stage unless severe weather necessitates that we amend the ceremony.

Great care has been taken to be sure that the ceremony is completed as quickly and smoothly as possible. We anticipate the ceremony will run approximately 2 ½ hours. Graduates are please asked to show respect for their fellow classmates and stay until the student recessional has been completed.

On behalf of all those who played a part in your education here at St. John’s, I look forward to celebrating this moment with you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Mangione, Ed.D., R.Ph.
Provost
Schedule of Commencement Events

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Academic Attire Distribution ~ St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Queens Campus ~ Marillac Terrace (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Academic Attire Distribution ~ The School of Education and College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Queens Campus ~ Marillac Terrace (Cafeteria)

Thursday, May 7, 2015
Academic Attire Distribution ~ The Peter J. Tobin College of Business and College of Professional Studies
12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Queens Campus ~ Marillac Terrace (Cafeteria)

Thursday, May 7, 2015
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony ~ St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
7 p.m.
Ceremony ~ St. Thomas More Church
Reception following the ceremony

Friday, May 8, 2015
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony ~ The School of Education
6 p.m.
Ceremony ~ St. Thomas More Church
Reception following the ceremony

Monday, May 11, 2015
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony ~ College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Ph.D. and M.S.)
7 p.m.
Ceremony ~ St. Thomas More Church
Reception following the ceremony

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony ~ College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Pharm. D.)
7 p.m.
Ceremony ~ Carnesecca Arena
Reception following the ceremony

Saturday, May 16, 2015
Baccalaureate Mass ~ Tickets required
4 p.m.
St. Thomas More Church
(Doors open at 3 p.m.)

5:30 p.m.
Family Grad Dinner (For Undergraduate students only) ~ Tickets required
Carnesecca Arena (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

Sunday, May 17, 2015
By 8 a.m.
All graduating students assemble for line up in their designated locations
(See p. 13 for assembly and line up areas.)

10 a.m.
Commencement ~ Tickets required for guests
Great Lawn (Rain or Shine)
Key Dates and Deadlines

February 23  Visit your dean’s office to confirm your eligibility to participate in Commencement 2015

Review this Queens Commencement 2015 Student Information Book and visit the Commencement Web site at www.stjohns.edu/commencement

Visit the University Information System (UIS) to
~ Review your transcript for accuracy of grade changes, transfer credits, etc.
~ Check your account for holds (parking tickets, library fines, etc) and clear all holds with the Bursar’s Office
~ Update your home address and contact information

Like us @StJohnsNow to receive important graduation information

Follow us @STJCommencement BEFORE March 20 for a chance to win three extra Commencement Ceremony tickets

March 9  Online application for diploma ordering opens
~ go to the University Information System (UIS) to order your diploma

Online registration and academic attire ordering opens for Commencement
~ go to the University Information System (UIS) to register for the Commencement Ceremony and order your academic attire

April 6  Last day to order graduation announcements if you want them in time for Commencement.
~ Visit herffjones.com

April 13  Last day to purchase tickets for the Family Grad Dinner. (See pg. 11 for more information.)

April 27  Last day to register and order academic attire for Commencement 2015
~ go to the University Information System (UIS) to register for the Commencement Ceremony and order your academic attire

May 5  Last day to complete the online application for diploma
~ go to the University Information System (UIS) to order your diploma

May 5, 6, 7  Pick up academic attire and Commencement/Hooding tickets on your scheduled Academic Attire Distribution Day. All students must pick up their attire and tickets during Academic Attire Distribution.

Pick up Baccalaureate Mass tickets from the Office of Campus Ministry

Pre-order Commencement Ceremony DVD from Graduation Nation at graduationnation.com (see pg. 15 for more information.)

Pre-order Commencement Ceremony portraits and diploma photos from Grad Images® at gradimages.com

May 18  Remember to register on the St. John’s online alumni community at stjohns.edu/alumni

June 23  Pick up your diploma (depending on the application date) and Commemorative Commencement book from your dean’s office. Be sure to call your deans office before coming in to confirm your diploma is available.

July 20  Pick up physician assistant diplomas and commemorative commencement book from dean’s office.

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General Information
The Queens Commencement Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 10 a.m. on the Great Lawn, rain or shine. Students from the Manhattan and Oakdale campuses will participate in the Queens ceremony.

Attendance
- Students who have been deemed eligible to participate in Commencement by their respective dean's office may register to attend Commencement. Students who are unsure whether they have fulfilled all academic requirements should contact their dean's office immediately.
- Graduates must register and order academic attire in order to attend and participate in the Ceremony.
- All eligible graduates are encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony.
- Graduates and guests are expected to please show respect for all of their fellow classmates and remain until the student recession has been completed.

Academic Attire
- Wearing academic attire (cap, gown and hood) is both traditional and required for participation in the Commencement Ceremony. The graduate's academic attire will serve to admit him or her to the assembly location and ceremony.
- All graduates must order academic attire. Academic attire is ordered when you register for Commencement on the University Information System (UIS). Academic attire is picked up at Academic Attire Distribution (See p. 10.)
- There is no charge for academic attire and students may keep their attire as a souvenir gift from St. John's University.
- For attire under your gown, dress with an eye to comfort and the weather. Low heels or flats are appropriate for navigating the Great Lawn and the stage ramps and stairs. Sunglasses and sunscreen could also prove useful. It is strongly recommended that you not bring personal belongings to the ceremony. Umbrellas will not be permitted on stage.

Ceremony Photography and Video
- There will be professional photographers from Grad Images taking photographs of the graduates (See p. 15 for details).
- The ceremony will be captured on video and a DVD will be made available to graduates after the ceremony (See p. 15 for details).
- 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.
General Information continued

Diplomas
- Graduates must submit an online diploma application in order to receive their diploma.
- The last day to order your diploma is May 5.

Instructions for the Online Application for Diploma:
1. Log onto the University Information System (UIS)
2. Click on Student tab.
3. Click on Graduation.
4. Click on Application for Diploma menu.

Pick Up Dates
- Your diploma will be available for pick up at your dean’s office starting on (depending on application date):
  - Tuesday, June 23, 2015 (ALL EXCEPT physician assistant)
  - Monday, July 20, 2015 (physician assistant)

* Diplomas are ordered throughout the Spring term, if a student applied late for their diploma it will not be available to pick up at the beginning of diploma distribution in the dean’s office. Be sure to call your dean’s office beforehand to confirm your diploma is available. Please contact the Registrar’s Office for more information regarding the ordering process.

Duration of Ceremony
- Great care has been taken to ensure the ceremony is completed as quickly and as smoothly as possible. The ceremony is expected to last approximately 2 hours 30 minutes. Graduates and guests are asked to please show respect for all of their fellow classmates and remain until the end of the ceremony.

Inclement Weather Plan
- The Commencement Ceremony will be 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 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 you prearrange a meeting place with your 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. 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 ceremony, please visit the www.stjohns.edu. 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 through the University Information System.

International Students Requesting Invitation to Commencement
- Students must complete a letter request form through the Registrar’s Office.

Lost and Found
- The Office of Public Safety will collect and hold any items that are lost or found at Commencement. If you need to report or find a lost item, please see a Public Safety Officer.
General Information 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
  - No handbags or tote bags bigger then 10"x10"x10"
  - Sealed packages of any kind
  - Bottles or cans (glass or metal)
  - Aerosol cans or noisemaking devices
  - Alcoholic beverages
  - Animals (unless a service animal)
  - Flags, banners, or signs
  - Any materials constituting unauthorized advertising or promotion
  - Laser pointing devices
  - Balloons
  - Strollers
  - Weapons
  - Umbrellas

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 Ceremony.

Special Needs ~ Graduates

- If a graduate requires special assistance, please notify your dean's office during Academic Attire Distribution.

Special Needs ~ Guests

- Due to the large number of guests in attendance, we are only able to offer seating to the person with special needs 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. There is also a reserved seating section for guests with special needs located at the front of the lawn on the left side of the seating section, facing the stage. Please see a Public Safety Officer or a University Host for assistance with parking and seating.
- Sign language interpreters will be present for the duration of the ceremony.
- Handicap accessible restrooms are located in St. Thomas More Church.

Ticket Information

- All guests are required to present a ticket to attend the Commencement Ceremony.
  - Children under the age of two do not require a ticket; however, they must sit on an adult's lap.
- Seating for guests is on a first-come, first-serve basis. As the ceremony is heavily attended, we recommend that family members arrive early and are seated on the lawn by 8:45 a.m. on Sunday morning.
- Seats cannot be saved by any means other than someone sitting in the seat.
- Each graduate participating in the Queens Commencement ceremony will receive five (5) tickets.
- Tickets are only available for pick up during Academic Attire Distribution.
- Lost or stolen tickets must be reported to the Office of Public Safety. Tickets that have been reported as lost or stolen, will be voided and guests with voided tickets will not be permitted to enter the ceremony. You must provide a copy of a Public Safety report in order to have tickets reissued.
- The selling or buying of Commencement tickets is strictly prohibited. Please be cautious of offers to sell or buy Commencement tickets. Tickets hold no official resale value and may be an unauthorized copy, therefore deemed unusable and denied on Commencement day. Commencement tickets are solely for the purpose of allowing the relatives and friends of graduating students to attend the ceremony.
- Tickets are also required for the Baccalaureate Mass and Family Grad Dinner (See p.11.)
- To enter a simulcast location (p.17), guests must show their Commencement tickets.
General Information continued

Web Viewing
- The Commencement Ceremony will be viewable live online at stjohns.edu.

Yearbook
- For more information regarding the Yearbook, please contact Daniel Trujillo, Student Affairs, at 718-990-6774.

Senior Portraits
- For more information regarding Senior Portraits, please contact Jodi Cox, Student Affairs, at 718-990-1364.

Registration for Ceremonies and Academic Attire Ordering
- Online registration for the Commencement Ceremonies and academic attire ordering starts on Monday, March 9 and ends on Monday, April 27, 2015.
- You may log back in to the form until April 27 to revise your registration and attire order. Please reprint the new confirmation e-mail.
- If you believe you are eligible but cannot register via UIS, please see your dean immediately.

Instructions for Commencement Registration and Attire Orders:
- Log into the University Information System (UIS).
- Click on the Student tab.
- Click on the Graduation tab.
- Click on Commencement Registration.
- Your name and degree information will appear if you are eligible to participate and order attire. (If you receive a message that says you are not eligible, you must see your dean to confirm eligibility.)
- Fill out the form completely with all of the necessary information regarding your attendance at the ceremonies and your attire.
- To complete your Commencement registration and order, you must complete the “What’s Next” survey.
- Print your confirmation e-mail for your records and bring with you to Academic Attire Distribution.
Academic Attire Distribution and Ticket Pick Up
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 ~ St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Marillac Terrace (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, May 6, 2015 ~ College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences & The School of Education
12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Marillac Terrace (Cafeteria)

Thursday, May 7, 2015 ~ The Peter J. Tobin College of Business & College of Professional Studies
12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Marillac Terrace (Cafeteria)

- All students must pick up their attire during the scheduled distribution days listed above. No attire or tickets will be distributed between Friday, May 8 and Friday, May 15.
- Graduates must bring their StormCard in order to check in and pick up attire and tickets.
- Graduates will check in with their dean and reader of names in order to confirm attendance and pronunciation of names.
- If you have not pre-registered online, you must see your dean to confirm eligibility and to complete a Late Registration Form. Graduates will not be able to pick up attire and tickets if they haven’t registered or received prior approval from their academic dean.
- Remember ~ a Grad Images photographer will be present at Academic Attire Distribution to take a formal graduation picture in your attire.
- Before leaving Distribution, graduates are strongly advised to try on their cap, gown and hood.
- Graduates may keep their academic attire as a souvenir gift from St. John’s University.

Tickets
- Each graduate participating in the Queens Commencement ceremony will receive five (5) tickets.
- All students will need to swipe their StormCard or sign for their tickets. This will acknowledge you will have received all five tickets.
- Tickets are only available for pick up during Academic Attire Distribution. Tickets will not be distributed at any other time. Remember to collect tickets for the Mass and Family Grad Dinner, if needed.
- Lost or stolen tickets must be reported to the Office of Public Safety. Tickets that have been reported as lost or stolen will be voided and guests with voided tickets will not be permitted to enter the ceremony. You must provide a copy of a Public Safety report in order to have tickets reissued.
- The selling or buying of Commencement tickets is strictly prohibited. Please be cautious of offers to sell or buy Commencement tickets. Tickets hold no official resale value and may be an unauthorized copy, therefore deemed unusable and denied on Commencement day. Commencement tickets are solely for the purpose of allowing the relatives and friends of graduating students to attend the ceremony.

Third Party Pick Up
- If you are unable to make it to Academic Attire Distribution, you may designate a third party to pick up your attire and tickets. Each school and college has different requirements. Please see below for your school/college’s policy.
  - St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ~ Please bring the graduates’ registration confirmation e-mail, graduates’ StormCard, and designated student’s StormCard, if another student is picking up.
  - The School of Education ~ Please bring the graduates’ registration confirmation e-mail and graduates’ StormCard.
  - The Peter J. Tobin College of Business ~ Please bring the graduates’ registration confirmation e-mail and graduate’s StormCard.
  - College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences ~ Please bring the graduates’ registration confirmation e-mail, graduates’ StormCard, and documentation granting permission for XXX to pick up.
  - College of Professional Studies ~ Please bring the graduates’ registration confirmation e-mail, graduates’ StormCard, and documentation granting permission for XXX to pick up.

Honor Cords
- If you have any questions regarding honor cords and how to go about getting them, please contact your dean’s office.
Baccalaureate Mass ~ Open to all Graduating Students
Saturday, May 16, 2015
4 p.m. (Doors Open at 3 p.m.)
St. Thomas More Church

The Baccalaureate Mass is an opportunity for us 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.

Admission Tickets and Seating
- Mass tickets can be picked up beginning in May in the Office of Campus Ministry, Marillac Hall, Rm. 239 during regular business hours OR during Academic Attire Distribution.
- Admission is by ticket only.
- Seating is on a first-come, first serve 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.
- Graduates should sit with their families during Mass.
- If necessary, simulcast viewing will be available in a tent outside of St. Thomas More Church.

For more information regarding 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 e-mail gallagd1@stjohns.edu.

Family Grad Dinner ~ For Undergraduate Students Only
Saturday, May 16, 2015
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 Grad Dinner will honor the graduating Class of 2015, along with their families who have shown endless support throughout the years.

Reply By
- A reply form will be mailed to students at their homes. Students must complete the reply form and purchase tickets by Monday, April 13, 2015.
- All reply forms must be returned to Janet Romano in the D’Angelo Center, Room 213, along with payment.
- Checks should be made out to Student Activities Fund.

Admission and Tickets
- Due to limited space, graduates may bring up to four (4) family members (the graduate plus 4.)
- Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Graduates must bring their Storm Card and dinner tickets in order to attend.
- The dress code for this event is business casual.

For more information regarding pricing or on how to purchase tickets, please contact Janet Romano, Office of Student Affairs, at (718) 990-6258.
Doctoral Hooding Ceremonies

All doctoral students will be recognized by their school or college at an individual hooding ceremony.

Tickets
- Students attending the following hooding ceremony will receive tickets at Academic Attire Distribution.
  - The School of Education – Each student will receive seven (7) tickets.

Academic Attire
- Students attending a hooding ceremony must pick up their attire on the scheduled Academic Attire Distribution days (See p. 10.)
- Students who do not have attire will not be able to participate in the hooding ceremony.
- No attire or tickets will be distributed between Friday, May 8 and Friday, May 15.
- Students will wear their academic attire to their hooding ceremony and carry their hood over their right arm.
- Graduates will be hooded as part of the ceremony.

Event and Assembly Times
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Thursday, May 7, 2015
Assembly: 6 p.m. in Conference Room, St. Thomas More Church
Ceremony: 7 p.m. in St. Thomas More Church
Reception immediately following the ceremony

The School of Education
Friday, May 8, 2015
Assembly: 5 p.m. in Conference Room, St. Thomas More Church
Ceremony: 6 p.m. in St. Thomas More Church
Reception immediately following the ceremony

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Ph.D. and M.S.)
Monday, May 11, 2015
Assembly: 6 p.m. in Conference Room, St. Thomas More Church
Ceremony: 7 p.m. in St. Thomas More Church
Reception immediately following the ceremony

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Pharm. D.)
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Assembly: 6 p.m. in Carnesecca Arena, Auxiliary Gym
Ceremony: 7 p.m. in Carnesecca Arena
Reception immediately following the ceremony

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Commencement Day

Graduate Responsibilities on Commencement Day
- Arrive at your assembly location no later than 8 a.m.
- Wear your academic attire (gown, hood, and cap) to the Commencement Ceremony. Your tassel should be on the right side.
- Wear comfortable footwear and clothing, bring sunscreen and sunglasses.
- It is strongly recommended not to bring personal belongings.
- Umbrellas will not be permitted on stage.
- Graduates will be provided water and, if needed, a rain poncho.
- Follow the line-up, processional and recessional instructions of your academic deans, marshals and University Events 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, a University Events Staff or Host wearing a red St. John’s shirt, or a Public Safety Officer.

Calling of Names
- Graduates’ names will be scrolled on the large viewing screens. As the graduate’s name is announced, their name will appear on the screen and the graduate will begin to walk across the stage to greet their dean.
- Graduates are expected to return to their seats for the remainder of the ceremony and to process out together with their fellow classmates.

Assembly and Line Up Location for Graduates
- There is no rehearsal for the Commencement Ceremony.
- Each school/college will line up in a different location.
- The academic deans will be in the assembly area to line up graduates in strict alphabetical order for the calling of names and crossing on stage.

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

- St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
  Graduate Students ~ Marillac Hall, 1st Floor Corridor
  Undergraduate Students ~ Marillac Hall, 2nd Floor Corridor

- The School of Education
  All Students ~ St. Albert Hall, B70 & B75

- The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
  Graduate Students ~ D’Angelo Center, 2nd Floor
  Undergraduate Students ~ St. Albert Hall, Basement & 1st Floor Corridor

- College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
  All Students ~ St. Albert Hall, 2nd & 3rd Floor Corridors

- College of Professional Studies
  All Students ~ Marillac Hall, 3rd Floor

Student Marshals and Student Medalists (Gold, VMA, OSA) Only
8 a.m. ~ Check in with University Events Captain for briefing in St. John’s Hall, Rm. 113
Once briefed, you will be directed to return to your line up area.
Commencement Day continued

Student and Faculty Procession to the Great Lawn
- Begins at 9:15 a.m.
- The academic procession will begin on either side of the Great Lawn.
- Students will enter the seating area through the side aisles of the graduate seating area.
- The ceremony 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 School of Education
- College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

East Side:
- College of Professional Studies
- St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Seating
Keepsake Items

Bookstore
- The bookstore will be open on May 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Grad Images
- Professional photographers from Grad Images will be present at Academic Attire Distribution to take a photo of graduates in academic attire. They will also be present at the Commencement Ceremony to take photographs of graduates as they enter the stage, while shaking the hand of their dean and as they exit the stage.
- To ensure graduates receive the digital proofs, please complete the order card that will be distributed during the ceremony and hand the card to the photographer before going up the ramp of the stage to be recognized.
- Graduates can pre-order their photographs by pre-registering at gradimages.com.
- For replacement of photos, please contact Grad Images, Customer Service Department at 800-261-2576.

Graduation Nation
- The Commencement Ceremony will be captured on video and a DVD will be made available to graduates.
- Graduates can pre-order their DVD by visiting incredevent.com/graduation-nation/home.

Class Rings
- Rings can be purchased through Herff Jones at collegerings.herffjones.com.

Diploma Frames
- Diploma frames are available for purchase through the Bookstore by visiting bkstr.com/stjohnsmarillacstore/shop/books.

Graduation Announcements
- Personalized St. John’s University graduation announcements are available for purchase online from Herff Jones at herffjones.com/college/announcements.
- Announcements must be ordered six (6) weeks prior to graduation.

Program Books
- Guests will receive a shortened program book at the Commencement Ceremony.
- Graduates will receive the Commemorative Commencement program with a full list of graduate names when they pick up their diplomas beginning Tuesday, June 23, 2015 and for physician assistant graduates beginning Monday, July 20, 2015.
**Keepsake Items continued**

**Stole of Gratitude**
- The stole of gratitude can be worn during the Commencement Ceremony.
- 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 during Academic Attire Distribution directly from Herff Jones.

**Tassels**
- Graduates receive a plain black tassel with their academic attire.
- Commemorative red and white tassels are available for purchase during Academic Attire Distribution directly from Herff Jones.
Family and Guests

Don’t Forget...
- Read the Student Commencement Information Book
- Bring your Commencement tickets on Sunday
- Look at the campus map
- Check the stjohns.edu Web site for the latest updates
- Check weather.com for the latest forecast
- Check your local news for road closings/delays
- Arrive to your seats by 8:45 a.m.
- Make arrangements with your graduate for a meeting location immediately following the ceremony and in case the ceremony is abbreviated due to severe weather

Clothing and Other Items
- Light colors are best as May can be hot and sunny
- Rain jacket
- Comfortable shoes
- Sunglasses and hats
- Camera
- Sunscreen
- See p. 8 for a list of items that are NOT allowed at the Ceremony.

Guests with Special Needs
- See p. 8 for more information regarding reserved parking and reserved seating for guests with special needs.

First Aid
- There will be an ambulance on site near St. Thomas More Church.
- If you need immediate assistance, please find a Public Safety Officer or a University Host in a red St. John’s shirt.

Restroom Locations
- 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 ~ for disabled guests only

Simulcast Locations
- Only guests with tickets will be able to view the Commencement Ceremony in one of the simulcast locations on campus.
  - Marillac Hall Auditorium (for general public)
  - Bent Hall Auditorium (for general public)
  - Little Theatre (for general public)
  - St. John Hall, 1st Floor Classrooms (for general public)
  - St. Albert Hall, Rm. B70 & B75 (once procession leaves) (for general public)
  - Marillac Hall, 1st Floor Classrooms (once procession leaves) (for general public)
  - D’Angelo Center, Rm. 206 & 416ABC (for general public)
- If needed, classrooms on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors will be opened in St. John Hall and Marillac Hall, after the ceremony starts.
- Please ask any Public Safety Officer or University Host in red St. John’s shirts to direct you to one of these locations.
- Seating in the simulcast areas is limited and requires a ticket to enter. Please plan accordingly.

Web Viewing
- The Commencement Ceremony will be viewable live online at stjohns.edu
Please check our website stjohns.edu for campus directions and the latest location changes.
Directions, Parking and Hotels
Be sure to check your local news for road closings and commuter delays prior to leaving for the Commencement ceremonies.

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 on to 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; however due to the large number of guests attending there will be a shortage of parking on Campus. Please plan accordingly. See p. 18 for the Map.
• Graduates and guests are advised to carpool.
• Guests can park on our neighborhood streets. Please be sure to follow all NYC parking regulations where applicable.
• Designated drop off area is located outside Gate 1 on Utopia Parkway for those who are unable to walk long distances. Guests should be prepared to walk from Gate 1 to the Great Lawn. See p. 18 for the Map.
Directions, Parking, and Hotels continued

Hotels

Best Western Kennedy JFK Airport
144-25 153rd Lane
Jamaica, NY 11434-4203
718-977-2100
(Special rates apply when mentioning STJ)

Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts
138-10 135th Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11436
718 530-1160
http://www.cpjfkairport.com

Days Inn JFK
144-26 153rd Court
Jamaica, NY 11434
718-527-9025
(Special rates apply when mentioning STJ)

Holiday Inn Express
153-70 South Conduit Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11434
718-977-1300
(Use rate code ILIS7)

New York Palace Hotel
455 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022
212- 888-7000
http://www.newyorkpalace.com/

Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel
135-20 39th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354
718-460-6666
http://www.sheratonlaguardiaeast.com/

For a list of more hotels, please visit http://www.stjohns.edu/campuses/queens-campus/area-hotels.
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<td>To schedule your appointment: <a href="http://www.ouryear.com">www.ouryear.com</a> School code: <strong>87128</strong> 1-800-OUR-YEAR  For more information: 718-990-1364 ~ Jodi Cox, Office of Student Affairs</td>
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