

# COMMENCEMENT

 *College of Saint Benedict*

Congratulations on your upcoming commencement! What an exciting time of year for you and your families. **Please read this information carefully and keep it for reference. You may also reference this same information on the commencement website: [www.csbsju.edu/commencement](http://www.csbsju.edu/commencement).**

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:** The commencement ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, in the Haehn Campus Center Clemens Field House.

**ACADEMIC ATTIRE:** Traditional academic attire will be worn at commencement (cap, gown and hood). Academic attire will be issued to all degree candidates at the Grad Finale on Thursday, March 23. Honor cords will be distributed at commencement rehearsal on Friday, May 12.

**GRAD FINALE: Thursday, March 23, Mary Commons – 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

You may find additional information here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/bookstore/graduation-information>. **In the event you are unable to attend the Grad Finale on March 23, you may pick up your cap and gown at the CSB Bookstore after March 23.**

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY TICKETS:** Admission to the ceremony in the Clemens Field House is by electronic ticket only. Each graduate is entitled to four general admission guest tickets. The number of tickets allocated is based on the number of graduates and the seating capacity of the Clemens Field House. We will not have extra tickets for distribution. The ceremony can also be viewed in Escher Auditorium in the Benedicta Arts Center (no ticket required).

**CEREMONY TICKET RESERVATIONS:** Each graduate may invite up to four guests to attend the ceremony in the Clemens Field House. It will be required that all guests be preregistered for tickets to the ceremony. Tickets will be nontransferable and additional tickets will not be available. Graduates will receive an email regarding how to reserve tickets from [csbcommencement@csbsju.edu](mailto:csbcommencement@csbsju.edu) by mid-April. In this email, the graduate will receive an individualized code that must be used to reserve their four guest tickets for general admission. The graduate will receive their guests' tickets via email within 24 hours of reserving their tickets. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. for commencement seating in the field house. (Handicap seating will be available)

**COMMENCEMENT BRUNCH:** Each graduate will receive five complimentary meal tickets (four guests and one for yourself). The meal will be served in the Gorecki Center from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**MEAL TICKET PICK UP TIMES:**

Wednesday and Thursday, May 10-11  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the Gorecki Fireside Lobby

Friday, May 12  
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at McGlynn's

Students should bring their student ID and know their desired seating time(s).

**AVAILABLE SEATING TIMES:** 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon and 12:30 p.m.

Additional tickets will also be available for purchase on Saturday, May 13, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Gorecki Fireside Lobby.

**Cost of these tickets:**

**Adults - \$14**

**Child (5-10) - \$8.50**

**4 years and under – free**

**REHEARSAL:** Commencement rehearsal will take place Friday, May 12, at 3:30 p.m. Rehearsal is mandatory for all graduates.

Please line up on the lawn between the Haehn Campus Center and the Benedicta Arts Center. Line-up information will be posted with numerical and alphabetical markings on the sidewalk. In the event of rain, line up will be in Claire Lynch. If you cannot attend rehearsal or the commencement ceremony, please contact Denise Laudenbach in the Registrar's Office at [dlaudenbach@csbsju.edu](mailto:dlaudenbach@csbsju.edu).

**DIPLOMA:** On receipt of evidence that all studies undertaken this term have been successfully completed, and that all requirements for the appropriate degree have been successfully met, a diploma will be issued to you. Your diploma will indicate your degree and the date on which it was conferred. An official transcript of academic record attesting to the degree(s) and honors you have received will be mailed to you, along with your diploma, in early July.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** GradImages will be photographing all graduates as they receive their diploma at the commencement ceremony. Learn more at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com).

**COMMENCEMENT LIVESTREAM:** To view the livestream, go to the CSB and SJU Commencement webpage at <https://www.csbsju.edu/commencement> and look for a link to the 2023 CSB Commencement livestream. There will be a signal available to check your connection 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

**ARCHIVED VIDEO:** The commencement ceremony will be recorded. A free YouTube link of the ceremony will be posted to the commencement website at a later date.

**GRADUATION MASS:** We invite you and your guests to attend the Graduation Mass as an important part of your special day. It is a time to give thanks for your wonderful years at the College of Saint Benedict and for all of us to pray for each of you and bless you in your next ventures.

**There will be an opportunity to attend Graduation Mass at 10 a.m., Mass will take place in the Sacred Heart Chapel.**

If you would like to participate in a Liturgical Ministry for your Graduation Mass (Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Gift Bearer, etc.), please contact us at [csbliturgy@csbsju.edu](mailto:csbliturgy@csbsju.edu).

**COMMENCEMENT QUESTIONS:** If you have questions, feel free to reach out by e-mail at [csbcommencement@csbsju.edu](mailto:csbcommencement@csbsju.edu).

***\*You are receiving this message because you have applied for commencement participation for Spring 2023. At this time the Registrar's Office is reviewing records and will email you if you are not eligible to participate in commencement this spring.***

***You will be able to participate if you are within eight credits of completing your degree requirements. It is intended that you participate in commencement the year that you are listed.***