

Dear Parent,

Congratulations on the upcoming graduation of your Wartburg student on Commencement Weekend, May 28 and 29. We hope that you will stay in contact with the college, even though your relationship will be different when you no longer have a student here. You will always be a Wartburg parent and, therefore, you will continue to hear from us occasionally with campus updates and invitations to events in your area.

This year's Commencement will be Sunday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m. on Zimmerman Field in Walston-Hoover Stadium. Each graduate is welcome to invite as many guests as they would like; tickets are not required to be admitted into the stadium. Guest seating will be in the stadium bleachers with accessible seating available. Guests will be expected to comply with campus COVID-19 protocols. The most updated protocols will be posted on the website prior to the ceremony.

In the event of severe weather, the ceremony will be postponed to 1:30 p.m. If the weather continues to be an issue, the ceremony will be moved inside to Neumann Auditorium. Seating in the auditorium is very limited, allowing two tickets per graduate. These will be distributed when graduates pick up regalia from the Wartburg Store. Please hold on to them in case weather forces us indoors.

The Knight Vision livestream link for the Commencement ceremony can be found at www.wartburg.edu/commencement and will be archived for later viewing.

A Blessing of Seniors service will be held at 6 p.m. in the Wartburg Chapel on Saturday, May 28. This service is a time for students and families to gather together in worship. The program will include music, a short message, and a special blessing for those students who are graduating this year.

The Wartburg Store will be offering a variety of shopping opportunities on Commencement Weekend:

- Shop in the store from 10-a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 28.
- Place orders online at www.wartburgstore.com no later than noon on Saturday, May 28, and pick up curbside at the Store's loading dock door between 8 -10 a.m. on Sunday, May 29. Select 'curbside pick-up' in shipping method and note 'COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY' in comments section. Pull into the turnaround area at the end of 3rd Ave. NW near our dock door, labeled 150. Staff will be outside to get your order number and bring it to your vehicle.
- Shop their pop-up store starting at 9:30 a.m. located at the Commencement venue. A variety of commencement gifts will be available for purchase via cash or credit card payment. Also, flower bundles will be available for purchase at the event or by pre-order/pick-up at Commencement venue at <https://www.thecommencementgroupcom/Wartburg/>.
- There is still time to order graduation announcements that feature the official Wartburg College seal. Packages are available with as few as 10 announcements at the Store website noted above.

Lifetouch Photography will take pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma. Within a few weeks after Commencement, «First_Name» will receive an email from Lifetouch Photography with an opportunity to view and purchase pictures. Candid shots will also be available for viewing at www.wartburg.edu/commencement.

Here are a few additional details:

- Accessible seating for those with wheelchairs or other mobility challenges will be available in the stands and on paved locations around the stadium. Accessible parking is available near the stadium.
- Guests are encouraged to bring water. Beverages also will be available for purchase. Water will be provided for graduates. Please bring an umbrella, sunscreen, and dress appropriately for an outdoor event.
- After the ceremony, graduates and guests are welcome to gather on central campus for photos.

- Wartburg dining locations (Den, Konditorei, and Zesty Orange) will be open throughout the weekend. Please see the Commencement website for hours.
- Graduates need to be moved out of the residence halls by 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Thank you for being a vital part of Wartburg these past years and for making a Wartburg education possible for your child. We trust you will always hold a warm spot in your heart for the college and look forward to seeing you at future Wartburg events. If you have any questions about Commencement or related activities, please contact Janeen Stewart, executive administrator for the President's office, at 319-352-8331 or janeen.stewart@wartburg.edu.

Commencement Weekend Events

See the Commencement website for livestream link and additional information:
www.wartburg.edu/commencement

Thursday, May 26

6 p.m. Senior Pig Roast (seniors only) – Walston-Hoover Stadium
 (Rain site: Knights Ballroom, Saemann Student Center)

Saturday, May 28

9 a.m.-7 p.m. Senior Art Exhibition, Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery, Bachman Fine Arts Center
10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Wartburg Store open – Saemann Student Center
6 p.m. Blessing of Seniors Service, Wartburg Chapel
6:30 p.m. May Term Band Concert – South Campus Mall (Rain site–Neumann Auditorium)

Sunday, May 29 *(See website for campus parking areas and accessible drop off/entry points)*

7:30 a.m. Commencement Rehearsal
8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast
8-10 a.m. The Wartburg Store curbside pickup
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Senior Art Exhibition, Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery, Bachman Fine Arts Center
9:30 a.m. Gates open to the stadium (main entrance is west gate; southeast gate by the Victory Bell also open for

accessibility into the stadium)

Beverages, commencement gifts, flower bundles available for purchase

10:00 a.m. Processional lineup – Hoover Fieldhouse and Track

10:30 a.m. Commencement – Zimmerman Field, Walston-Hoover Stadium, 400 12th St. NW

- All graduates are expected to wear approved academic caps and gowns. No stoles, pins, corsages, or other decorations are allowed.
- Students who have earned cords of distinction should wear them. All Regents and Presidential Scholarship recipients are encouraged to wear their medals. (If you have questions regarding the medals, please contact Admissions at 319-352-8264 or admissions@wartburg.edu.)
- The ceremony is approximately one and a half hours.