

Commencement Weekend Information

- Housing:** We offer housing in Norelius Hall for the **immediate family** of our graduates at the cost of \$10.00 per person, per night. You may reserve a room for Friday and/or Saturday evening. Sheets, blankets, pillows, cases, and towels will be provided. Norelius rooms sleep two people in twin beds. Keys will be issued. A list of local hotels can be found on the Gustavus website at: gustavus.edu/welcome/lodging.cfm.
- Meals:** A Family Picnic will be held in the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center on Saturday, May 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. A Commencement Buffet will be held in the Evelyn Young Dining Room in the Campus Center on Sunday, June 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13 each. **Tickets are required for each guest, including Gustavus students. They should be pre-ordered using the enclosed form.** A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.
- Parking:** You may park in any lot on campus. All parking lots are unrestricted for the weekend. Overflow parking will be available on the grass north and south of the President's House (see campus map). Parking attendants will be present.
- Baccalaureate:** Baccalaureate Services will be held at Christ Chapel on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Four (4) tickets** (one for the graduate and three for guests) for one of the services will be randomly distributed to all seniors in early April. If an alternate time is preferred for Baccalaureate, your student is encouraged to exchange with another senior.
- Commencement:** Commencement begins with the academic procession at 1:45 p.m. followed by the ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Hollingsworth Field. Tickets are not required if the ceremony is held outdoors.
- In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move indoors to Lund Center Arena (ice arena), where a ticket will be required. **Three (3) tickets** will be distributed to each senior in early April for admittance to Lund Center Arena if Commencement is held indoors. For those who do not have indoor Commencement tickets, unlimited overflow seating is available in Lund Center Forum (basketball court), where the ceremony will be broadcast on a large screen. If Commencement is moved indoors, an announcement will be made by 10 a.m. on the Gustavus website at www.gustavus.edu, on WCCO radio (830 AM, Minneapolis), and on KTOE radio (1410 AM, Mankato).
- Special Needs Assistance:** Handicapped parking (with a valid permit) is available near each venue. There will also be a drop-off area near Christ Chapel and Hollingsworth Field. Wheelchair seating is located on the main level of Christ Chapel for baccalaureate services. Please note that there are no handicap-accessible restrooms in Christ Chapel. For Commencement at Hollingsworth Field, guests with wheelchairs are welcome to view the ceremony from a handicapped accessible reserved seating section of the stadium. Ground-level seating is also available for those unable to access stadium seating. Please arrive early for ground-level seating, as a limited number are available. If the ceremony is moved indoors to Lund Arena, wheelchair seating will be on the main floor of the arena and forum.
- Photography:** In cooperation with Gustavus Adolphus College, Chappell Studios will photograph the Commencement ceremonies. Chappell Studios (2280 W. Tyler Avenue, Fairfield, IA 52556, 800-247-3435) will mail color photograph proofs and information to each family. You will receive further information about this service in a separate mailing.
- Flowers:** Representatives of Grad Flowers will be selling moderately priced fresh-cut flower bouquets at Hollingsworth Field prior to Commencement Exercises.
- Reservations:** Use the enclosed form to make reservations for campus housing, Family Picnic, and Commencement Buffet. Meal tickets and a housing confirmation letter will be mailed to you. **The reservation deadline is Friday, May 23, and no refunds will be issued after that date.**

For further information please contact the Office of College Relations at 507-933-7520 or collegerelations@gustavus.edu