COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND INFORMATION

Housing  We offer housing in Norelius Hall for the immediate family of our graduates at the cost of $15.00 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 28, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $13 each. A Commencement buffet will be held in the Evelyn Young Dining Room in the Campus Center on Sunday, May 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are $16 each. Tickets are required for each guest, including Gustavus students. They should be pre-ordered at gustavustickets.com. 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 on Sunday.

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 the other service 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. The number of tickets allocated is based on the number of graduates and the seating capacity of the Arena. It is recommended that family members arrive early, as there will not be reserved seating. Doors open and tickets will be accepted beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Lund Center Forum (basketball court) will be available for general viewing of the ceremony on closed circuit, big screen viewing with no ticket required.

If Commencement is moved indoors, an announcement will be made by 10 a.m. on the Gustavus website at gustavus.edu, on WCCO radio (830 AM, Minneapolis), and on KTOE radio (1410 AM, Mankato).

Special Needs Assistance  Special needs parking (with a valid permit) is available near each venue. There will also be drop-off areas 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 special needs-accessible restrooms in Christ Chapel. For Commencement at Hollingsworth Field, guests with wheelchairs are welcome to view the ceremony from a special needs-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, GradImages will be photographing all graduates at the Commencement ceremonies. GradImages welcomes you to visit their website, gradimages.com for pre-event registration. Any other questions, please contact customer service at 800-261-2576. See information included in this mailing.

Flowers  Representatives of Grad Flowers will be selling moderately priced fresh-cut flower bouquets prior to Commencement Exercises.

Reservations  To make reservations for campus housing, the Family Picnic, and Commencement Buffet meal tickets, please go to gustavustickets.com.

For further information please contact the Office of Marketing and Communication at 507-933-7520 or marketing@gustavus.edu.