

Commencement FAQ's

Saturday, May 9, 2026

All degree candidates will walk with their respective schools.

Morning Ceremony - 9:15 a.m.

- School of the Arts, Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences
- Kinsley School of Engineering, Sciences and Technology

Afternoon Ceremony - 3 p.m.

- Graham School of Business
- Dr. Donald E. and Lois J. Myers School of Nursing and Health Professions

Parking: West Campus

Follow the signs for accessible/disabled parking.

- **7:30 a.m.** - West Campus parking lots open for the **morning ceremony**
- **1:15 p.m.** - West Campus parking lots open for **afternoon ceremony**

Morning Ceremony Graduates

8:30 a.m. - Graduates arrive at **Wolf Gym**

- Wear your **full regalia** (gown, cap with tassel, hood, stoles/cords/medals)
- **NO bags** are permitted in Wolf Gym
- Pick up your name card, YCP pin, and program
- **No tickets** required for graduates

8:15 a.m. - Doors open for guests at the **M&T Bank Field House**, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center

- Seating is first-come, first-served.

9:15 a.m. - Processional begins

- The ceremony will last about 2 hours.
- Afterward, head to Main Campus to sign The Rock and enjoy photo opportunities!

What's Next?

- **Diplomas:** Transcript certification will take a few weeks after final grades. Diplomas will be mailed approximately **four weeks** after commencement.
- **Grad Images Photos:** A few weeks after the ceremony, Grad Images will contact you to view your proofs online. YCP will not have the photo proofs.
- **YouTube Video:** A recording of the livestream will be available on the **YCP YouTube channel** for easy access after the ceremony.

Afternoon Ceremony Graduates

2:15 p.m. - Graduates arrive at **Wolf Gym**

- Wear your **full regalia** (gown, cap with tassel, hood, stoles/cords/medals)
- **NO bags** are permitted in Wolf Gym
- Pick up your name card, YCP pin, and program
- **No tickets** required for graduates

2 p.m. - Doors open for guests at the **M&T Bank Field House**, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center

- Seating is first-come, first-served.

3 p.m. - Processional begins

- The ceremony will last about 2 hours.
- Afterward, head to Main Campus to sign The Rock and enjoy photo opportunities!

Your Platform Moment

- Faculty marshals will guide you to the stage.
- A professional photographer will take your photo.
- Return to your seat afterward.

Please Note

- Be respectful. Do your family and professors proud!
- Any individual unfit to participate or carrying alcohol will be removed by staff.