



2025 GENEVA COLLEGE GRADUATE INFORMATION

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Senior Send-Off: This student-only special evening is a celebration and official induction into the Alumni Association. The event will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at Connoquenessing Country Club in Ellwood City, PA. All graduating seniors are invited to attend. **Register at Geneva.edu/senior-send-off.** Cost is \$10 per student.

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Commencement Eve Dinner: Before Baccalaureate, a Commencement Eve Dinner will be held on campus in the dining hall from 5-6:30 p.m. Graduates will eat for free with a ticket and guests pay \$24 per adult and \$10 per child ages 5-10. **RSVP online at Geneva.edu/commencement by April 25.** Seating is limited. Tickets are required.

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Baccalaureate: The Baccalaureate Worship Service will be held on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in Metheny Fieldhouse. Graduating seniors will assemble for the procession in Merriman Gym by 6:30 p.m. dressed in their cap and gown. We encourage you and your family to attend.

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Commencement: Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. in Reeves Stadium. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved into Metheny Fieldhouse – where each graduate may invite up to 10 family members and/or guests.

Cap and Gown: If you have not yet purchased your cap and gown, the deadline to purchase online is March 27th or by going to the Campus Store weekdays from 9 am-4 pm starting April 3rd. Orders can also be placed by calling the Campus Store. The cost for cap, gown & tassel is \$44. **If you have not purchased a cap and gown or made arrangements with the Campus Store by May 2nd, you cannot participate. Call the Campus Store at 724-847-6596 if you have questions or need to make special arrangements.**

Live Streaming: The ceremony will be live streamed for family and guest who are not able to attend the ceremony. Go to Geneva.edu/commencement.

Seating and Instructions: Graduates only (no guests) will assemble in John White Chapel – Old Main to check-in and

receive a program and name card. **Graduates must be seated by 8:45 a.m. to receive important instructions.** You will process from Old Main behind the College administration and faculty to the stadium. JWC Chapel will NOT be locked during the ceremony so we encourage you to leave all valuables with a family member.

Commencement Attendance: If you are unable to attend Commencement, please notify the Registrar's Office at 724-847-6604 as soon as possible unless you have already indicated that on your graduation application.

Name Pronunciation: If your name is commonly mispronounced, notify the Registrar's Office by stopping in the office or by calling 724-847-6604.

Graduating with Honors: Students will be recognized at Commencement for honors based on their GPA at the conclusion of the fall semester. For a few, this may change after the final grades are processed. The final honors designation is posted on transcripts and diplomas. Academic honors will be posted on the commencement website. **Pick up Honors cords in the Registrar's Office beginning May 5.**

Class Officer / Honors Pictures: Pictures of class officers and honors grads will be taken commencement morning at 8 a.m. in Skye Lounge. Please do not be late.

Commencement Photographs: Each graduate is photographed receiving their diploma from the President by GradImages professional photographers. Proofs will be sent to graduates soon after commencement. There is no obligation to buy.

Diplomas: Diplomas are mailed in June to May graduates who have completed all academic and chapel requirements and have no financial obligations to the College. Diplomas for August graduates are mailed in September.

Reception: A reception is held immediately following the ceremony at various sites around campus.

Parking/Seating: There is limited parking and seating available for individuals with physical disabilities and special needs. If you have a family member who could benefit from this, please fill out the **Special Accommodations** form online at Geneva.edu/commencement.

If you have any questions about commencement, please contact Cathy Schlachter at csschlach@geneva.edu or **724-847-6605**