IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Application to Graduate
Regardless of plans to participate in Commencement, students expecting to graduate in May 2021 should file an application to graduate with the Registrar’s Office. All degree candidates can apply online (portal.cabrini.edu) for the August 2021 cycle by following the link under More > Banner > Web Student Records and then selecting Apply for Graduation. Students applying for May graduation have to complete the paper form located at cabrini.edu/gradapply and should submit it to the Registrar’s Office in the Cavalier Express Center. Please note that completion and submission of the form does not represent final approval to graduate in May 2021 and should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you have completed all requirements for graduation.

Doctoral Commencement Participation
Only students who have successfully defended their dissertation are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Federal Student Loan Exit Session with Financial Aid
Students who borrowed a Federal Student Loan while attending Cabrini University are required to complete the exit counseling session by Friday, March 19, 2021. Instructions for completing the online session will be emailed by the Financial Aid Office. The website for exit loan completion is studentaid.gov. Those who fail to complete this requirement will be unable to obtain their diploma or transcript. If you have any questions, or if you are not sure that you borrowed a Federal Student Loan, contact the Cavalier Express Center at 610.902.8188.

Outstanding Financial Obligations with Student Billing
All prospective graduates are strongly encouraged to check the status of their student account and pay any remaining balances immediately. If you have any questions about your student account, please call the Cavalier Express Center at 610.902.8188.

Insufficient Credits to Graduate and Commencement Participation
Students within six credits of meeting all degree requirements for graduation may petition to participate in the graduation ceremony if they 1) have enrolled in the remaining course(s) at Cabrini University in the Summer 2021 and/or Fall 2021 semester; 2) are in good academic standing at the University and within their academic department; 3) have no financial or other holds on their account; and 4) submit a written petition to the Cavalier Express Center no later than 7pm on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. The petition will be evaluated by the Academic Review Board and students approved to participate in the ceremony will receive written notification through their Cabrini email account by Friday, April 9, 2021. Petition forms can be obtained from the Cavalier Express Center or the Center for Student Success. Please note that written permission to participate in the Commencement Ceremony (permission to walk) must be obtained before students can receive their academic attire. Students who have been granted permission to walk will have their names listed in the Commencement program with a notation indicating “degree to be awarded at a later date.”

First Destination Survey (for undergraduate students only)
Graduates must complete the First Destination Survey. This survey is completed online and required whether Commencement Kickoff is in-person or virtual. You must activate your Handshake account prior to Commencement Kickoff to complete the survey. Information regarding the First Destination Survey and Handshake can be found at cabrini.edu/career. In addition, a link to complete the survey will be available on Handshake in April and emailed to you prior to Commencement Kickoff. The Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD) is committed to serving Cabrini’s alumni and it is important that we have accurate data to continue to assist you with your professional goals. Questions? Please email CCPD at career@cabrini.edu.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATION MATERIALS AT COMMENCEMENT KICKOFF
Printed Announcements: Printable graduation announcements are available online at cabrini.edu/commencementFAQs.

Commencement Tickets: Each student will receive a link from Eventbrite to order (at no cost) tickets to their specific Commencement Ceremony. Admission to Commencement is by ticket only. Each graduate is counted in the number of tickets you can reserve. Each graduate will be permitted 3 tickets (1 for the student and 2 for guests). NO ONE will be permitted admittance to the Commencement without a ticket. At this point, we will not be able to take requests for additional tickets.

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

COMMENCEMENT KICKOFF
(Distribution of graduation materials)
Pick-up on the following day:
Thursday, April 15, 2021
9am–7pm
✔ Senior Week tickets - TBD
✔ Caps and gowns
✔ Photo information

COMMENCEMENT MASS
Thursday, May 20
4pm
Bruckmann Memorial Chapel
of Saint Joseph
Livestream available

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES
Saturday,
May 22, 2021
Upper Athletic Field
Ticketed guests only
• School of Business, Arts and Media (BAM)—9am
• School of Education (ED)—11:30am
• School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)—2pm
• School of Natural Sciences and Allied Health (NSAH)—4:30pm

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Photography: Commencement will be professionally photographed. GradImages will photograph each Commencement participant. Picture proofs will be emailed and mailed to each graduate after the ceremony. Prior to Commencement, please visit gradimages.com and click on the Pre-Event Registration tab at the top to enter your valid email address. By completing the pre-event registration, you will receive a code for $5 off orders of $25 or more. The University will also post pictures available for download and printing (at no cost).

Diploma Frames: The Campus Store has a variety of special frames in a range of prices for displaying your diplomas. Frames in stock will be available for purchase at Commencement Kickoff on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders for frames also can be placed at that time, in person or by going to cabrinishop.com and ordering online. Those wishing to see the frames prior to Kickoff can do so by visiting the Campus Store on the lower level of the Widener Center. For the convenience of graduates and their families, the Campus Store will be open from 9am to 4pm on the days Commencement Ceremonies are being held.

Honors Medals: Undergraduate students graduating with Latin honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude) will be identified by the Registrar’s Office based on their cumulative GPA as of March 15, 2021. You will be contacted with instructions for picking up your medal, to be worn at graduation, on Commencement day. Students who have permission to walk at Commencement and who have a GPA that qualifies for honors will not be given an honors medal until all degree requirements have been successfully completed.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE: DEGREES, HOODS, AND TASSELS
Academic attire for graduation will be distributed at Commencement Kickoff after staff at the Registrar’s Office, Financial Aid Office, and Student Billing offices have certified their approvals. Graduates will receive a cap and gown, a black cap tassel, and a hood in the appropriate color for their degree. Blue and white Cabrini cap tassels can be purchased at the Campus Store. Attire can be kept by the graduates after the ceremony. To find out which color hood you will wear, visit cabrini.edu/commencementattire.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES
Calling of Graduate Names: Names will be called based on seating order, determined when tickets are obtained on Eventbrite. We will collect name pronunciations at a date prior to the ceremony.

Diplomas: Diplomas will not be distributed at Commencement, but will be available in the Registrar’s Office in the Cavalier Express Center. You will receive an email when the diplomas are ready to be mailed or picked up. Please make sure you fill out the Diploma Mail Form that will be emailed to you if you want your diploma mailed. A photo ID must be presented by you or your proxy when picking up the diploma in person.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND GUESTS
Commencement Ceremony Parking: Parking on campus will be available in Founder’s Lot.

Handicapped Parking: Guests in wheelchairs will park in the designated spots at the Dixon Center. Requests for handicapped passes after Commencement Kickoff can be directed to Student Life at cm3294@cabrini.edu.

Disability Accommodations: Graduates who require special disability accommodations unrelated to parking for themselves or for their guests should contact the Office of Student Life at cm32942@cabrini.edu by Friday, March 26, 2021. Advanced notification is especially important if a sign language interpreter is required.

Restrooms: Restroom facilities for Commencement will be available in Grace Hall.

Guest Seating: Admission to the ceremonies is by ticket only. Each graduate will only be permitted 2 guests. See Commencement Tickets section on previous page for more information.

Commencement Decorum: While Commencement is a celebration for Cabrini graduates, it is important for students and guests to recognize that it also is a formal academic ceremony to be conducted with dignity and decorum. Graduates are asked to remain in their seats until instructed to move to the stage area. Guests are asked to remain in their seats for the duration of the ceremony, and to refrain from blocking aisles and passageways, including the area directly in front of the stage, by attempting to greet or take photos of individual graduates. In support of our graduates, we also ask that you refrain from departing the ceremony early, especially after your own graduate has been recognized and there are others waiting to be recognized. Cell phones and related electronic equipment should be turned off during the ceremony.

Additionally, guests are required to follow all appropriate COVID-19 mitigation measures that are in place. Masks are required for all ceremony attendees.

Flower Sale: You may purchase flowers and Class of 2021 T-shirts to give your graduate on Commencement Day! Ordering bouquets and T-shirts online prior to Commencement is encouraged to guarantee the widest selection. These items will not be shipped and must be picked up on the day of graduation. There will also be options for same-day purchase at the ceremony itself. The pre-order website is open until May 20, 2021. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Association’s endowed Scholarship Fund. To pre-order and browse the selection, please visit: thecommencementgroup.com/cabriniu/.

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