

Dear Class of 2025:

As you look back on your years at Elms College, I am sure you will see a winding path that you each took to reach this moment. We know that it has been years of hard work and long hours of study, as well as overcoming many challenges to reach graduation. This is a time for all of us to celebrate and honor your accomplishments.

Included in this commencement week brochure is the schedule of official college and even ceremonies. These events are full of celebration and recognition, as well as opportunities to make more memories with your classmates in the final days leading to commencement.

Please do not hesitate to contact of office if you have any questions, studentaffairs@elms.edu or 413-265-2210.

Commencement information can be found at commencement.elms.edu. We look forward to celebrating you as you receive your diploma on **May 17, 2025**.

Congratulations!

Best wishes,



Teresa Winters, M.E.d.
Dean of Students



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COMMENCEMENT

Academic and Ceremonial Events Schedule

2025



commencement.elms.edu

IMPORTANT NOTICES

All financial obligations must be met no later than **Friday, March 14th**. Outstanding balances beyond this date will result in a hold on your application for graduation, thus not allowing a diploma to be conferred.

Institutional Surveys

In late March, you will receive an email to your Elms email account inviting you to participate in the Satisfaction Priorities Survey which helps us assess our programs. **Students completing the survey will be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 10 \$20 Amazon e-gift cards.**

During finals week, you will also be invited to participate in the First Destination Survey which allows us to gather information related to your plans after Commencement. You are a valued part of our Elms Community and we care about your future even after you step across that stage with your degree. Are you going to graduate school? Do you have a job lined up? Something else? By participating you will be entered into a drawing to win great prizes!

Graduation Gowns, Caps, and Hoods

Graduation gowns, caps, and hoods are ordered and picked up in the bookstore. If you have not already done so, please order your gown immediately. Extended bookstore hours include
Monday, May 12th: 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Tuesday, May 13th: 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.
Wednesday, May 14th: 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.
Thursday, May 15th: 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Friday, May 16th: 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Honor Cords

Honor cords are given to undergraduate students who will graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Honor cords will be available in the Registrar's Office Tuesday, May 13th through Friday, May 16th between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. and at the MassMutual Center prior to commencement lineup.

ADA Accommodations

Students attending any of the commencement events who need ADA accommodations are asked to contact Elms College's Student Accommodations and Support Services (SASS) office at least one week in advance with their specific need(s). This includes walking long distances, using stairs, and crossing the stage.

- Closed Captioning will be used at the commencement event on May 17, 2025, and available for all students and guests.
- Handicapped parking options can be viewed on the MassMutual Center's website under Directions and Parking.
- The MassMutual Center has an elevator and handicapped-accessible restrooms.

SASS can be contacted via email at sass@elms.edu and/or phone at 413-265-2333.

Visitor Lodging

For up-to-date info and local hotel accommodations please visit: commencement.elms.edu

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COLLEGE PHOTOS AND SOCIAL SHARING

Commencement photos will be posted on the Elms College Flickr Account. (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/38380822@N03/>)

Follow @elmscollege on Instagram and X and be sure to use hashtag #ElmsGrad2025 when sharing your Commencement memories.

SCHEDULE OF ACADEMIC AND CEREMONIAL EVENTS

HONORS CONVOCATION*

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

Veritas Auditorium

1:30 P.M. ET

TOAST TO THE CLASS OF 2025

MONDAY, MAY 12TH

First Floor of Alumnae Library

4 P.M. ET

GRADUATE HOODING CEREMONY*

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

Veritas Auditorium

6 P.M. ET

All graduate students and their families are invited to join us. Graduates must wear their gowns and carry their hoods (no caps). Report to Room 207 in Berchmans Hall at 5:30 P.M. for line-up.

BACCALAUREATE NURSING PINNING CEREMONY*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

Veritas Auditorium

6 P.M. ET

Graduates and their families are invited.

*denotes events open to family and friends

BACCALAUREATE MASS, BLESSING OF THE HOODS, & UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS*

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH

Veritas Auditorium

5:30 P.M. ET

Baccalaureate Mass, is a tradition at Catholic Institutes to celebrate and honor student success.

All graduates, regardless of religious affiliation, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

All students wear gowns (no caps) and carry their hoods in the color of their academic program. Faculty and staff wear full regalia.

Students meet in Berchmans Hall 207 at 5 P.M. for the line up.

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SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

MassMutual Center

Students must arrive at 8 A.M. to check in and line up. Academic Processional and Ceremony begins promptly at 9:30 A.M. Family and friends attending the 2025 Commencement Ceremony may enter the MassMutual Center beginning at 8 A.M. Seating is general admission, no tickets are required for entry.

COMMENCEMENT INVITATIONS

Invitations are a keepsake item, and not required for entry into the MassMutual Center.

Invitations will be available in the Dean of Students Office as well as in the Registrar's Office and the Sr. Kathleen Kirley '66 School of Continuing Education

Spring senior receptions for graduates in off-campus programs will be hosted by The Sr. Kathleen Kirley '66 School of Continuing Education and held on individual community college sites. Please check your Elms email for specific reception details

