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# UNION

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

# C<sup>137TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

## 2026 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Baccalaureate Rehearsal

Friday, May 8, 2026

Commencement Rehearsal

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Baccalaureate

Friday, May 8, 2026

Commencement

Saturday, May 9, 2026

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## BACCALAUREATE REHEARSAL

Friday, May 8, 2026 10:00am  
Conway Boatman Chapel

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## BACCALAUREATE

Friday, May 8, 2026 7:00pm  
Conway Boatman Chapel  
*Bring your cap and gown*

**Student Lineup** 6:45pm

*Fair Weather: Alongside Pfeiffer  
Foul Weather: Fine Arts Hallway*

**Faculty Lineup** 6:45pm

*Fair Weather: Front of Pfeiffer  
Foul Weather: Fine Arts Hallway*

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## COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Friday, May 8, 2026 11:00am  
John M. Robsion Jr. Arena

*Attendance for rehearsal is strongly encouraged but not mandatory. Do not bring your caps and gowns.*

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## COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 9, 2026 10:30am  
John M. Robsion Jr. Arena

*Procession begins 15 minutes before ceremony*

**Student Lineup** 9:30am

*Fair Weather: Legacy Walk (front of Sharp)  
Foul Weather: Robsion Arena 2nd level*

**Faculty Lineup** 10:00am

*Fair Weather: Front of Sharp  
Foul Weather: Robsion Arena 2nd level*

## Special Seating

Special seating arrangements are available for the physically challenged. Please speak to the Registrar's Office prior to Commencement, or to an usher in the gym that morning. The registrar is available daily at registrar@unionky.edu.

Special seating is limited to three per family.

## Parking

Please park on campus in any of the proper areas defined on a color-coded map which can be accessed online. Restricted lots include the gymnasium parking area, reserved for handicap parking, and the lot behind Centennial Hall, designated for faculty and staff.

## Degrees

All students will receive a diploma case when crossing the platform.

Diplomas for students who have completed their requirements will be mailed from Jostens **after** Commencement. If the mailing address on your graduation application has changed, please email registrar@unionky.edu with your updated address.

## Live Stream

Both Baccalaureate and Commencement will be streamed at: [www.unionky.edu/live](http://www.unionky.edu/live)

Please note that the stream will not be live until 5-10 minutes before the start of each event.

## Cap & Gown

Graduating students must order their cap and gown directly through Jostens by April 1. After this date, the ordering site will close and cannot be reopened, as production and shipping timelines are required to ensure your regalia arrives in time for commencement.

Bachelor Package \$75

Master Package \$115

**Order your cap and gown at:**  
[www.unionky.edu/capgown](http://www.unionky.edu/capgown)

## The Academic Procession

Programs will be placed on the seats of the chapel for Baccalaureate and at the gym for Commencement. The only thing you will carry with you on Saturday morning will be the card you will receive from a student marshal when you arrive to line up. Lineup will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please arrive promptly.

Each year, graduates symbolically leave the campus on their way to Commencement by walking down the Legacy Walk. The class will walk down the pathway of Centennial Hall and proceed toward College Street on the Legacy Walk.

When you arrive at your place in the gym, please remain standing for the invocation. Men should remove their caps and keep them off until the Commencement speaker finishes the address. Put them back on as the speaker returns to his/her seat. Seniors should wear their tassels on the right side; graduate students should wear theirs on the left.

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## Leave Your Legacy

Speaking of your march down the Legacy Walk, did you know the Legacy Walk is a time-honored commencement tradition? The long, brick walkway leads to the school's first academic structure, Centennial Hall, and is engraved with the names of former students and friends of the college, many of whom left legacies that helped shape the institution.

Historical markers and engravings honoring the college's founders are also part of the walkway. Students begin commencement there as a way to symbolize their connection to those who came before and those who will come after them.

If you are interested in becoming one of the many who have carved their name into Union's history by purchasing a brick on the legacy walk, visit : [www.unionky.edu/brick](http://www.unionky.edu/brick)