

November, 2008

To: Members of the Mount St. Mary's Class of 2009
From: Dr. David Rehm, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Re: Honors Convocation, Baccalaureate, and Commencement 2009

Graduation and related activities are just a few months away. Below and on the back of this sheet, you will find some instructions for the events we've planned for you and some notes about graduation.

Sunday, April 26, 2009:

Honors Convocation

12:15 p.m. – Report to the sign-in table in the West Hallway (Patriot Hall Side) of Knott Auditorium.
12:45 p.m. – Procession begins
(Seniors who will be acknowledged will receive separate letters, but all students are invited to attend.)

Friday, May 8, 2009:

Potomac River Cruise hosted by President Thomas H. Powell (Graduates Only)

1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Washington, D.C.
(Invitations to this event will be forthcoming)

Senior Social on the Quad

9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 9, 2009:

Rehearsal (All graduates required to attend)

11:45 a.m. Assemble in the Field House, Knott ARCC
12 :00 p.m. – 1:30 Rehearsal. **NOTE:** A Class Picture will be taken by a professional photographer at the rehearsal. Please dress appropriately.

Baccalaureate Procession

4:15 p.m. – Assemble in Field House, Knott ARCC
(Wear cap, gown, honor cord(s), honor medal(s), dark shoes; **do not bring hood.**)
4:30 p.m. – Procession begins

Baccalaureate Liturgy

The Celebration of the Mass for all graduates and their families. (For Catholics, this Mass fulfills Sunday obligation.)
5:00 p.m. – Knott Arena

Graduation Dinner and Senior Slide Show – Patriot Hall

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Buffet Dinner
(Reservations Required)
Dinner served until 8:30. Slide Show begins at 8:30.
Cash Bar Available

Sunday, May 10, 2009:

Commencement Procession

10:00 a.m. – Assemble in the Field House, Knott ARCC.
10:30 a.m. – Procession begins, Knott Arena. (Wear cap, gown, honor cord(s), honor medal(s), dark shoes; **carry hood.**)

Commencement Exercises

11:00 a.m. – Knott Arena. (Tickets Required)
11:00 a.m. – Overflow Webcast – Knott Auditorium – Main Campus (First come, first served)

Reception

Outside Knott Arena immediately following Commencement Exercises.

Check-out – You have until 6:00 p.m. to check out of the residence halls and the apartments.

Commencement 2009

Points to note:

1. All students who complete graduation requirements by the end of the Spring semester are expected to participate in baccalaureate and commencement unless you receive approval, in writing, to miss one or more of the events. Such approval must come from the Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Leona Sevick (ext. 5333).
2. Seniors who have 98 credits at the end of the Fall 2008 semester may process with their classmates, but you will not receive diplomas unless you have completed all graduation requirements.
3. If you have not completed all graduation requirements by May 18, 2009, then you must complete them by July 1, 2009 in order to be considered a May 2009 graduate of Mount St. Mary's University. If you do not complete these requirements by December 2009, you will not be considered a 2009 Mount St. Mary's graduate.
4. In order to graduate, seniors must
 - a. Complete 120 credit hours (if you took Math 101 or Math 102, Elementary or Intermediate College Algebra, then you must complete 123 credit hours);
 - b. Earn at least a 2.000 cumulative grade point average;
 - c. Earn at least a 2.000 grade point average in the major;
 - d. Complete Core Requirements;
 - e. Complete Major Requirements.
5. It is your responsibility, as a student, to check your record to see that all requirements have been met. Please check with your advisor and the Registrar's office if you have questions about this.
6. The Mount community wants your commencement to be enjoyable, rewarding, and memorable. You can help us achieve these goals by:
 - a. Attending rehearsal;
 - b. Being prepared for your class picture which will be taken at the rehearsal;
 - c. Arriving on time for all events;
 - d. Wearing dark shoes, and subtle jewelry. Men should wear dark slacks. Jewelry and light colors distract from your appearance. The only acceptable adornments of the gowns are hoods, honor cord(s), and honor medal(s).

Thanks, very much. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the activities. You may reach me at 301-447-5218.