

GRADUATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Congratulations to you as you complete (or have completed) the final requirements that will allow you to join the 2009 graduating class of Benedictine University. Here is a brief list of dates you will want to remember. Please visit our Web site (www.ben.edu/commencement) for more detailed information, ordering your class ring, personal announcements, pictures and video of the ceremony, etc.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

March 9: **Deadline to return your response card**

April 28–29: **Graduation Fair**
10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. in the Krasa Center Fireside Lounge

- Pick up your cap and gown*
- Pick up your commencement announcements
- Purchase a class ring
- Order personalized announcements
- Have your cap and gown picture taken by a photographer
- Commencement information
- Raffle and refreshments

Remember all financial obligations, including graduation fees and library obligations, must be settled prior to pick-up of your cap and gown. Benedictine accepts cash, personal checks, money orders, Visa, Discover and MasterCard. Payments made by personal check, business check or online by ACH will be subject to a 14 day hold to allow for clearance of funds.

**These will be the only dates available to pick up your cap and gown prior to the day of Commencement. If you cannot attend the ceremony and want your cap and gown, you need to pick them up at the Graduation Fair.*

May 1: **Hooping and Honors Convocation**
7:00 p.m. in the Krasa Center, Second Floor

Due to the intimate nature of the convocation and space constraints, attendance at the ceremony is limited to two (2) guests per participant.

May 17: **Congratulations on your graduation!**

• Commencement Mass	8:00 a.m.	St. Procopius Abbey
• Students Report for Line Up	9:00 a.m.	Rice Center
• Commencement Convocation	9:50 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Sports Complex
• Reception	12:30–1:15 p.m.	University Quad
• Brunch	12:30–1:30 p.m.	Krasa Center, <i>Second Floor</i>

The ceremony is expected to last about two-and-one-half hours. A large crowd is expected and conditions may be somewhat uncomfortable, particularly if the weather is warm. In case of a thunderstorm, the ceremony will be delayed. Please plan accordingly. Guests in need of handicap seating should be aware that it is a long walk from the drop-off area to the seating area. The ceremony will be viewable on closed-circuit TV in the Krasa Center Presentation Room, Fireside Lounge and Second Floor Dining Room.

There is limited parking on the campus. Therefore we ask that you carpool, if possible. Shuttle buses will run from our remote parking sites to the campus. *Please check the Commencement Web site at www.ben.edu/commencement for updates and information regarding the remote parking locations.*

Attention: Do NOT use cell phones during the ceremony!