Dickinson College

Commencement Weekend
May 17-19, 2019

Commencement Ceremony
Sunday, May 19, 2019
Ten O’clock
on the John Dickinson Campus
at Old West
At the midpoint of the college’s spring semester, we are already looking forward to Commencement Weekend, May 17-19. This brochure is designed to help you and your family plan for the weekend’s important events.

The class of 2019 experienced a truly open, interdisciplinary and vigorous educational community as members of the largest and most diverse class in the college’s history. Please remember that Dickinson will always be your college, and that we have a lifelong commitment to you. I hope you will be an active member of the worldwide Dickinson community, and I look forward to engaging with you as a young alumni.

Our Commencement Weekend is the culmination of the academic year and of your undergraduate experience, an important event in your life and in the life of the institution. We are excited to celebrate your achievements and to reflect upon the ways Dickinson’s useful education for the common good has transformed you as a student and as a citizen of the world.

On behalf of the entire Dickinson community, let me be the first to welcome you in advance to our celebration of the class of 2019.

Margee M. Ensign
President
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**Schedule of Events**

The preliminary Commencement Weekend schedule appears below. As the schedule is updated, it will be available on the college’s website at [www.dickinson.edu/commencement](http://www.dickinson.edu/commencement) and on campus in May at the HUB information desk.

**Friday, May 17**

9 p.m. Toast to the Class of 2019 (toast at 9:30 p.m.)—Britton Plaza  
*(Rain location: Social Hall)*

**Saturday, May 18**

10 a.m. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony—Rubendall Recital Hall

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is available in the *Holland Union Building Dining Hall* for seniors and their families and guests.  
*Tickets will be sold at the door.*

11 a.m. Senior Athlete Reception—*Holland Union Building Social Hall*

Noon Posse Ceremony—Rubendall Recital Hall

2:15 p.m. Baccalaureate Processional Lineup—*Kline Athletic Center, Mezzanine*

2:45 p.m. Baccalaureate Procession Begins

3 p.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony—*Kline Athletic Center*

4 p.m. Reception for Legacy Students and Their Families—Alumni Commons, 243 W. Louther St. *(Rain location: Allison Hall Community Room)*

4:30 p.m. Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony and Reception—Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium

5 p.m. Raven’s Claw Tappings—*Old West, The Old Stone Steps*

5:30 p.m. Reception to Meet the Honorary Degree Recipients—*HUB Social Hall*

All graduates and their families invited.

6 p.m. Catholic Mass—*Allison Hall Great Hall*
**Sunday, May 19**

**9 a.m.**  
Commencement Processional Lineup—*Sidewalk adjacent to the south wall of the John Dickinson Campus*  
(Severe weather location: Kline Athletic Center, Mezzanine)

**9:35 a.m.**  
Processional Begins

**10 a.m.**  
Commencement Exercises—*John Dickinson Campus*  
(Severe weather location: Kline Athletic Center)

Brunch for Seniors, Families and Guests of the Class of 2019—*Holland Union Building Dining Hall*  
Immediately following ceremony (approximately 1 p.m.)  
(advance tickets required*)

**7 p.m.**  
Seniors must be checked out of residence halls.

*Please see page 6 for information about brunch ticketing.*
**Regalia**

Students must wear academic regalia for both the Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness will be in contact with graduating seniors to request that they submit a senior survey. The bookstore will be notified of all graduating seniors who have submitted this survey, and those graduates will receive their regalia free of charge. If the survey is not completed, graduates will be responsible for the cost of the regalia ($45). Regalia may be picked up in the bookstore Thursday, May 16-Saturday, May 18. Please note that the regalia is not to be returned to the bookstore; it is for the graduates to keep.

If you studied abroad for credit (noncredit bearing experiences abroad do not qualify) during your college career, upon your return you received a survey from the Center for Global Study & Engagement (CGSE) associated with your study site. Your survey must be completed by May 3, 2019, in order to pick up your flag badge(s) the following week. CGSE will send an email to all study abroad students with further details on picking up your badge(s). If you studied in Carlisle every semester you were a Dickinson student, you are eligible for the Carlisle badge as a participant in the “Carlisle In-Broad Program.” These are available in the bookstore on a first-come, first-served basis. All flag badges are to be affixed to the right shoulder on the outside of your robe.

Academic hoods will be presented just prior to receipt of the degrees. Please note that when asked prior to receiving your hood, it is important that you know which degree you are receiving, B.A. or B.S., as the hood color is different for each.

**Baccalaureate Information and History**

*Information*

The Baccalaureate ceremony will be held in the Kline Athletic Center on Saturday, May 18. Participants in the procession will line up at 2:15 p.m. on the Kline Athletic Center Mezzanine and will begin to march at 2:45 p.m. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m.

Regalia may be picked up in the bookstore Thursday, May 16-Saturday, May 18.

*No tickets are required for the ceremony. For information about special seating, please refer to the Additional Information section (pages 7-8).*
History
The origin of the Baccalaureate service dates back to the medieval European custom of presenting candidates for the degree of bachelor (bacca) with laurels (lauri). Historically, the Baccalaureate ceremony was a religious service to celebrate and recognize the intellectual achievements of the graduates.

Today, the Baccalaureate ceremony is a time for students to reflect on their years at Dickinson through speeches, music, multifaith prayers and other means of expression. Students can articulate the value of their Dickinson education and share how it has challenged or transformed them.

Commencement Information and History

Information
Commencement will be held on the lawn in front of Old West on Sunday, May 19. Early in the morning, college staff will reserve seating for the class of 2019 and faculty, and special seating for those who have made arrangements in advance for attendees with physical disabilities and guests of the platform party. All other seats are unreserved and may be held after 6:30 a.m. There is no limit to the number of guests per student who may attend this ceremony, and no tickets are necessary, should the ceremony be held outdoors. Please see Additional Information for information about our indoor ticketing policy for the Commencement ceremony.

Regalia may be picked up in the bookstore Thursday, May 16-Saturday, May 18.

Participants in the procession will line up at 9 a.m. along the sidewalk adjacent to the south wall of the John Dickinson Campus and will begin to march at 9:35 a.m. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

Flowers will be available for purchase on Sunday near Althouse Hall, or in the lobby of the Kline Athletic Center in case of severe weather. If you would like to pre-order flowers for your graduate, visit the Dickinson College Bookstore’s website at www.dickinson.collegestoreonline.com.

For information about severe weather arrangements, special seating, indoor ticketing, parking and photography, please refer to the Additional Information section (pages 7-8).
Post-Ceremony Brunch Ticketing Policy and Distribution

Each graduate may pick up **five complimentary advance tickets for brunch** (one graduate and four guests) along with their two tickets for an indoor Commencement ceremony. Tickets will be distributed by the Office of Conferences & Special Events (CASE) as follows:

- **Thursday, May 16** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in front of the Bookstore in the HUB
- **Friday, May 17** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in front of the Bookstore in the HUB
- **Saturday, May 18** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in CASE (Room 117 in Allison Hall)

**Additional advance brunch tickets** may be purchased for $7.25 with flex points, cash or check at Dining Services during their regular business hours. **Additional tickets may also be purchased** on **Sunday, May 19**, at the Holland Union Building Information Desk (cash only).

**Diploma Pickup**
Following Commencement, original diplomas will be available for pickup until 2 p.m. on the Holland Union Building Underground Patio.

**History**
The Commencement exercises at Dickinson represent the culmination of one’s undergraduate experience and the successful completion of the requirements for graduation. The faculty and Board of Trustees of the college approve the conferral of degrees prior to the ceremony.

The first Dickinson College Commencement exercises were held in the Presbyterian church on the town square, and the occasion was something of a public holiday. Professors and students marched in procession, first from the college buildings in Liberty Alley and then from our present campus. Each graduate gave proof of his learning by delivering an address in Latin or English, a practice that continued through most of the 19th century.

The gowns worn by participants hearken back to the monastic robes of the Middle Ages. The hood—originally worn by clergy and students for warmth in drafty halls—was retained in special cases, such as academic distinction.

**John Dickinson’s Lion**
John Dickinson, the college’s namesake, shed his family’s aristocratic past by refusing to have a coat of arms in America. He extracted only one of its icons as a symbol—a lion. A priceless piece of the college’s history, the lion, in the form of a marble sculpture, traveled everywhere with John Dickinson and was probably present while he drafted the Articles of Confederation. Today, the lion has watched over several classes of graduating Dickinsonians at Commencement and often appears at the college’s signing in ceremony.
Severe Weather Plan

The safety of the Dickinson community is the college’s primary objective. In the case of severe weather conditions on Sunday, the Commencement ceremony will be moved indoors to the Kline Athletic Center. A severe weather plan will be used only in the case of thunder, lightning, high winds, hail or other conditions that make it unsafe to hold the Commencement ceremony outside. Rain alone does not constitute severe weather.

In case of severe weather, an announcement will be made by 7 a.m. on Sunday on the college’s homepage, www.dickinson.edu. If in doubt, you may call 717-245-1900 for information.

If the ceremony is moved indoors due to severe weather conditions, seniors will line up on the mezzanine level. **Should the Commencement ceremony be held indoors, a ticketing policy will be in effect.** This ensures that if Commencement is held indoors, all attendees will be in a safe environment that is compliant with local fire and occupancy codes.

**Indoor Ticketing Policy and Distribution**

All graduating seniors will be issued two tickets for an indoor Commencement ceremony along with their five complimentary advance tickets for brunch. Tickets will be distributed by CASE as follows:

- **Thursday, May 16** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in front of the bookstore in the HUB
- **Friday, May 17** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in front of the bookstore in the HUB
- **Saturday, May 18** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in CASE (Room 117 in Allison Hall)

Any tickets not picked up by 3 p.m. on May 18 will be forfeited.
Indoor viewing locations for livestreaming of Commencement will be available across campus to accommodate all members of a student’s party:

- Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium
- Rector: Stafford Auditorium
- Allison Hall: Great Room
- Althouse 106
- Stern Center: Great Room and Room 102
- Bosler: Atrium and Room 208
- Weiss 235

The locations distinguished by red text will host live streaming of Commencement whether the ceremony is held indoors or outdoors. All locations are handicapped accessible.

For those who are unable to join us on campus for the Commencement ceremony, a live video feed of the event will be available via the Dickinson website (www.dickinson.edu/commencement).

**Guests with Special Needs and Accommodations**

A limited number of special-seating tickets for those who have difficulty walking or need wheelchair access are available. The tickets for an outdoor ceremony may be obtained by contacting the Office of Conferences & Special Events at 717-245-1900 prior to Wednesday, May 15. For an indoor ceremony, students must exchange their general seating tickets for special-seating tickets during the indoor ceremony ticket distribution time period (see page 7). We regret that because of limited space, we can only accommodate one companion to the individual needing special seating.

The college provides the services of a sign language interpreter for both ceremonies. Individuals with impaired hearing who need to be able to see the signer should request special seating through the Office of Conferences & Special Events.
Those who have difficulty walking or are using wheelchairs may want to arrange to be driven to the drop-off sites, which are identified on the campus map (pages 10-11). The drop-off site for the Commencement ceremony will be the circular driveway behind Old West, accessible from W. Louther Street. For the Baccalaureate ceremony, or if the Commencement ceremony must take place in the Kline Athletic Center due to severe weather conditions, the drop-off site will be the circular drive off W. High Street, in front of the entrance, at sidewalk level.

**Parking**

Parking spaces on or adjacent to the Dickinson campus are limited and may be particularly hard to find during Commencement Weekend. A map of the campus is on pages 10-11; sections of it are marked to identify some of the areas where parking may be available.

**Photography**

Professional photographers, hired by the college, will take photos of graduates as they receive their diplomas from the president of the college. US Candids of Allentown, Pa., will make these photos available on their website (www.uscandids.com) within two to three days of the event. You may also register in advance of the ceremony (www.uscandids.com/dickinson) to receive a direct link to your graduate’s photos. If you have any questions, you can contact the company by calling 844-922-6343 or via email (mail@uscandids.com).

A designated photo area will be set up along the ceremonial platform for families who wish to take additional photos. The graduates will accept their degrees in alphabetical order, and college personnel will be stationed adjacent to the photo platform to help determine when a family member of a given graduate may enter the photo area. To ensure that all families have access to the photo platform, only one family member per graduate will be permitted in the photo area. Once the graduate descends from the platform, we ask that the family member quickly exit the platform and return to his or her seat.

Please note that this area is for photography only. No videos will be permitted to be filmed from the photo area, due to time constraints.
Accommodations in Carlisle Area

- Allenberry Resort, 1559 Boiling Springs Road, Boiling Springs
- Best Western Carlisle, 1155 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle
- Carlisle House B&B, 148 S. Hanover St., Carlisle
- Comfort Inn PA Turnpike, 77 Shady Lane, Carlisle
- Comfort Suites, 10 S. Hanover St, Carlisle
- Country Inn & Suites, 1529 Commerce Ave., Carlisle
- Courtyard by Marriott Harrisburg West/Mechanicsburg, 4921 Gettysburg Rd., Mechanicsburg
- Crowne Plaza Harrisburg, 23 S. Second St., Harrisburg
- Days Inn Carlisle North, 1825 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle
- Days Inn Carlisle South, 101 Alexander Spring Road, Carlisle
- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, 1528 Commerce Ave., Carlisle
- Fallen Tree Farm B&B, 1634 Holly Pike, Carlisle
- Glass Gable Vacation Home, 560 South Hanover St., Carlisle
- Hampton Inn Carlisle, 1164 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle
- Hershey Lodge, 325 University Dr., Hershey
- Hilton Harrisburg, 1 N. Second St., Harrisburg
- Holiday Inn Express Harrisburg SW-Mechanicsburg, 3625 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Carlisle-Harrisburg, 1152 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle
- The Hotel Hershey, 100 Hotel Road, Hershey
- La Quinta Inn & Suites Mechanicsburg-Harrisburg, 350 Bent Creek Blvd., Mechanicsburg
- Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham, 15 Westminster Dr., Carlisle
- Orris House Inn B&B, 318 W. Main St., Mechanicsburg
- Park Inn by Radisson, 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
- Pheasant Field B&B, 150 Hickorytown Road, Carlisle
- Residence Inn Marriott Carlisle, 1 Hampton Court, Carlisle
- Red Cardinal B&B, 521 Lerew Road, Carlisle
- Sleep Inn Carlisle, 5 E. Garland Dr., Carlisle
- Wingate By Wyndham Mechanicsburg, 385 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg

The listing of accommodations and restaurants is provided for your convenience and does not imply endorsement from the college. For more information about hotels or restaurants in the area, please visit the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau at www.visitcumberlandvalley.com.
Restaurants in Carlisle

All area codes are (717), unless otherwise indicated.

- 1794 Whiskey Rebellion, 800-704-1188
- Alibi’s Eatery and Spirits, 469-4141
- Aya Japanese Steakhouse, 218-8000
- Brick Kitchen & Bar, 462-4567
- Carlisle Thai Cuisine, 249-2007
- Castlerigg Wine Bar and Wine Shop, 462-4663
- Café Bruges, 960-0223
- Chen’s Asian Restaurant, 258-1238
- Denim Coffee, 382-6104
- Fay’s Country Kitchen, 243-5510
- George’s Pizza, 243-5809
- Gingerbread Man, 249-6970
- Grand Illusion, 462-4716
- Hamilton Restaurant, 249-4410
- Helena’s Chocolate Café & Creperie, 254-6453
- Issei Noodle, 243-7826
- Jewels of India, 254-6585
- Lili’s Place Country Market & Café, 245-0003
- Market Cross Pub & Brewery, 258-1234
- Miseno II Pizzeria & Italian, 240-0133
- Molly Pitcher Brewery, 609-0969
- Mt. Fuji, 243-2788
- North Hanover Grille, 241-5517
- Pizza Grille, 218-2320
- Redd’s Smokehouse BBQ, 254-6419
- Rustic Tavern, 245-2999
- Seve-N-Dots, 249-0333
- Southside Deli, B Street Location, 422-5843
- Spoons Café, 793-1048
- Square Bean, 704-8921
- The Grazery, 249-4310
- The Pie Haus, 404-6939
- Yak N Yeti II, 462-6984

*If booking a reservation on Sunday following Commencement, we recommend doing so at 1 p.m. or later. Please anticipate the Commencement ceremony concluding around approximately 12:30 p.m.*
**General Campus Information**

**College Switchboard/Information Desk**
Main Lobby, Holland Union Building
8 a.m.-10 p.m., except Sunday, May 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
717-243-5121

**Dickinson College Bookstore/Devil's Den**
Lower Level, Holland Union Building
Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, May 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Waidner-Spahr Library**
Saturday, May 18, book returns only: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Biblio Café, CLOSED
Sunday, May 19, CLOSED

**The Quarry**
Saturday, May 18, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**The Underground**
Lower Level, Holland Union Building
Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday, May 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Union Station**
Main Level, Holland Union Building
Saturday, May 18, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19, 8-11 a.m.
Available for overflow seating during Commencement brunch.

**Wireless Access**
Information on how to log in as a guest to the college’s Wi-Fi network will be available at the HUB Information Desk.