



2026 COMMENCEMENT GRADUATE INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Caps & Gowns:** Orders for your cap and gown should have been placed with the Hanover College Campus Store prior to the 2025-2026 Academic year. **If you have not ordered your cap and gown, please visit the Campus Store immediately.** Commencement is a formal occasion and wearing a cap and gown is mandatory unless excused in advance by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. As always, the College asks that you wear proper attire with the cap and gown. Examples of acceptable attire include skirts or dresses, dark dress pants/slacks, dark socks, and shoes. Please see the *Hanover College Policy on Commencement Attire* for acceptable cords, stoles, and pins that can be worn during Commencement.
- 2. Graduation Rehearsal:** Rehearsal will take place on **Thursday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. in Collier Arena.** Information concerning assembly and the line of march will be provided at the rehearsal. It is not necessary to bring your cap and gown to rehearsal; attendance is required unless excused by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- 3. Baccalaureate*:** The ceremony will be held **Friday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lynn Center for Fine Arts, Fitzgibbon Recital Hall.** Attendance is optional, but highly recommended; Seniors will march in cap and gown. The College will host a catered reception immediately following the program in the Duggan Library. Parking is available behind CFA and the Library.
- 4. Commencement:** The ceremony will be held **Saturday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m. at the Point.** If Commencement is held outdoors, there will be ample seating. Specific seats for family or friends **are not** reserved. Early arrivals will have the best choice of seats. The ceremony will last approximately two hours.
- 5. Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will be held in Collier Arena in the Horner Center. If Commencement is moved indoors, six (6) tickets will be dispersed by the Registrar's Office to each graduate. There are no extra tickets; if you would like to have more tickets, please check with another graduate who may not need all of theirs.
- 6. Weather location change announcements:** If the weather forces Commencement indoors, students will be sent an email as soon as possible that Friday or early Saturday morning announcing the location change. An announcement will also be placed on the Hanover College commencement webpage: <https://www.hanover.edu/about/events/commencement>

7. **Overnight Lodging:** A list of area accommodations can be found here:

<http://www.hanover.edu/alumni/wheretostay>

8. **Parking:** For Commencement, campus guests will be asked to park behind Lynn Hall, Science Center, behind Wiley Hall, behind the Center for Fine Arts or in the Horner Center parking area. Golf carts will be available to transport guests.

9. **Handicap Accessible Parking:** For those guests needing assistance, accessibility parking is available behind Parker Auditorium and in the Long Administration parking lot where golf carts will be available to transport guests.

10. **Eastern Daylight Time:** Hanover, Indiana observes Eastern Daylight-Saving Time.

11. **Graduation Announcements:** Herff Jones is available for ordering announcements and other graduation items. You can visit their site here: herff.ly/hanover

12. **Professional Photos:** For the convenience of graduates and their families, we have arranged with a commercial firm to photograph graduates as each receives a diploma. The still photographer will contact you after Commencement day to see if you wish to place orders for photographs.

13. **Live Streaming:** The Commencement ceremony will be streamed live if your friends and family members will not be able to attend. The link for the broadcast is

<http://www.hanover.edu/about/events/live>

*Hanover College was founded by Presbyterians almost two centuries ago, and it is a longstanding tradition that commencement weekend includes a service of Christian worship as a sendoff for graduates. In the service, we give thanks to God for the graduates and their future impact on the world, and we celebrate our graduates' many gifts. All graduates and families are welcome. A reception follows baccalaureate and offers another opportunity for fellowship with classmates, faculty, and staff.