### Spring Commencement 2009

#### Friday, May 15
- **9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** — GRADUATION BRUNCH
  - Skutt Student Center
  - Mutual of Omaha Ballroom
- **3 p.m.** — BACCALAUREATE MASS
  - Kiewit Fitness Center

For more information on the Graduation Brunch, Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremonies, please see the other side.

Both commencement ceremonies will be held at the Qwest Center Omaha Arena, 455 N. 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

#### Saturday, May 16
- **9:30 a.m.** — COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
  - College of Arts and Sciences
  - College of Business
  - Emergency Medical Services Education
  - School of Law
  - Graduate School
- **1:30 p.m.** — COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
  - School of Nursing
  - School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
  - School of Dentistry
  - School of Medicine

#### Thursday, May 14
- **7 p.m.** — Hooding
  - Qwest Center Omaha Grand Ballroom
- **9 to 10:30 p.m.** — Reception
  - Qwest Center Omaha Grand Ballroom

#### Friday, May 15
- **10:30 a.m.** — R.O.T.C. Commissioning Ceremony
  - Lied Education Center for the Arts
- **10:30 a.m.** — Post-Graduate Volunteer and Religious Life Missioning Ceremony
  - St. John’s Church
- **11:00 a.m.** — School of Dentistry
  - School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
- **12:30 p.m.** — Emergency Medical Services Education Reception
  - Skutt Student Center, Room 104
- **1:30 p.m.** — Awards Presentation
  - Witherspoon Concert Hall, Joslyn Art Museum
- **1:30 p.m.** — Awards Presentation
  - Witherspoon Concert Hall, Joslyn Art Museum
- **2 p.m.** — School of Dentistry
  - School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
- **3 p.m.** — School of Dentistry
  - School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
- **4 to 5 p.m.** — School of Dentistry
  - School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
- **5 to 6 p.m.** — School of Dentistry
  - School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
- **6 p.m.** — Graduation Celebration
  - Doubletree Downtown Grand Ballroom

### Additional Events
- **10:00 a.m.** — R.O.T.C. Commissioning Ceremony
  - Lied Education Center for the Arts
- **11:00 a.m.** — R.O.T.C. Reception
  - Military Science Building
- **10:30 a.m.** — Post-Graduate Volunteer and Religious Life Missioning Ceremony
  - St. John’s Church

*Rain location is Brandeis Dining Hall.*

---

The Graduate School and University College degree candidates and their families are invited to attend the reception of the schools or colleges of their affiliations.
The following events are for all graduates and their families:

**Graduation Brunch - Friday, May 15**

Attendance at the Graduation Brunch requires a reservation. Formal invitations and RSVP cards are sent to prospective graduates’ families. Please return your reservation card by May 1, 2009. If you have questions concerning the brunch please call (402) 280-1715.

Degree candidates are guests of Creighton University and may attend at no charge, but do need to make reservations. The charge for adults is $15; children under 12 are $8. Cancellations must be received by May 1, 2009.

**Baccalaureate Mass - Friday, May 15**

The Mass will be in the Kiewit Fitness Center at 3 p.m. All degree candidates, faculty, parents and family members are invited. There will be no procession; caps and gowns are not worn.

**Commencement Ceremonies -- Saturday, May 16**

The assembly times and locations for degree candidates and members of the stage party and faculty are as follows:

**Morning Ceremony, 9:30 a.m.**
- Ceremony is for Arts and Sciences, Business, Emergency Medical Services Education, School of Law, and Graduate School.
- Students graduating during this ceremony robe and line up for the procession at 8:30 a.m. in Hall A of Qwest Center Omaha.

**Afternoon Ceremony, 1:30 p.m.**
- Ceremony is for the Schools of Nursing, Pharmacy and Health Professions, Dentistry, and Medicine.
- Students graduating during this ceremony robe and line up for the procession at 12:30 p.m. in Hall A of Qwest Center Omaha.

**Caps and Gowns**

Caps and gowns for degree candidates have been ordered from the Willsie Cap and Gown Company. Candidates must pick up their caps and gowns in Harper Center 3028 and 3029 on Thursday, May 14 or Friday, May 15 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Graduates will not be able to pick up their caps and gowns at any other time. Please direct questions to Troy Graves at 341-6536, ext. 505.

Each graduate may keep the cap with tassel but must return the gown (and hood if a master’s or doctor’s degree is received) in satisfactory condition to the collection station in Hall A at the Qwest Center Omaha after the ceremony.

Forms to rent academic regalia will be available to faculty members through the Dean’s offices or by contacting the Marketing and Public Relations Office at (402) 280-2738.

**Decorum**

Degree candidates and guests are expected to refrain from conduct that will detract from the dignity of the ceremony or endanger the safety of others. Fireworks and alcohol are strictly prohibited in Qwest Center Omaha. Any person engaging in dangerous behavior will be removed and appropriate charges will be filed.

**Diplomas**

Diplomas will be handed out after each ceremony has ended.

**Handicapped Accessibility and Seating**

Commencement events are held in handicapped-accessible facilities. Handicapped parking is available in nearby parking areas.

Degree candidates who have special needs are asked to contact the Marketing and Public Relations Office at (402) 280-2738.

Wheelchairs are not available at Qwest Center Omaha.

**Parking**

Visitor parking on campus is available in the Visitor Parking Lot (enter from Cass Street at 23rd Street) or on the top deck of the parking garage (enter from 24th Street across from Deglman Circle). Guests may also park in any campus lot during the weekend.

Commencement parking at Qwest Center Omaha is available on the streets (free on Saturdays) and in nearby lots and garages. The cost for lot parking is $6. The cost for garage parking is $10. Guests who have special mobility needs may be dropped off at the Arena entrance on 10th Street.

**Personal Belongings**

Degree candidates are encouraged to leave valuables with family members during the Commencement Ceremony.

**Photography**

Jolesch Photography will photograph each graduate receiving his or her diploma. Graduates will be e-mailed photo proofs within 10 days of the ceremony, with the opportunity to purchase photos. To ensure delivery of photo proofs, degree candidates are asked to provide the Registrar’s Office the email address they will use after graduation.

**Seating**

Commencement seating for guests will be on a first-come basis. Tickets are not needed for the ceremony. For the 9:30 a.m. ceremony, the doors will open at 8 a.m. For the 1:30 p.m. ceremony, the doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

**Find a Needle in a Haystack**

Graduates are encouraged to make a plan with family and friends before the ceremony about where to meet after the event. With so many people, it can be difficult to find one another.

Thomas J. Shanahan, S.J.
COMMENCEMENT GRAND MARSHAL

Additional information can be found on the commencement web site.
http://www2.creighton.edu/publicrelations/events/commencement