



## COMMENCEMENT 101: GRADUATE CHECKLIST

- Attend Commencement 101 (Good job...you can already check one off!)
- Tell your loved ones about <http://commencement.cnu.edu/>. There is a ton of information on there that will answer a lot of their questions. Additionally, you can opt your family and friends in for Commencement Communications, so they always have up-to-date information.
- Start following Christopher Newport Alumni Society on Facebook, Instagram and X to stay connected and find out about updates and new events!
- Make your mark on CNU! Don't forget to contribute to the Senior Class Gift and help the Class of 2025 leave a legacy.
- Get your cap and gown!  
You can order them on the Herff Jones website (link is on the FAQ & Resources pages on the Commencement Website) by Tuesday, March 4 for option 1 (ships to the Captains Locker for you to pickup) or by Friday, April 18 for option 2 (ships directly to you).
- Register for graduation at <http://commencement.cnu.edu/>. Registration opens April 3, 2025. You MUST register by May 9 in order to participate. Be sure to opt-in for the Captain Chris GradBot to receive personalized Commencement updates!
- Attend rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 15 in the Diamonstein Concert Hall.
- Attend the Candlelight Ceremony on Thursday, May 15 at 8:30 p.m. on the Great Lawn.  
Graduates are encouraged to wear white!
- Iron your gown and grab your cap, it's time for Commencement!  
Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, Great Lawn
  - 7:30 a.m.**  
Arrive to the Ferguson Center Lawn for the Processional and Conferral Ceremony which begins at 8:00 a.m.
  - 9:20 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
*College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences and College of Arts & Humanities Grad Walk*
  - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
*College of Social Sciences and Luter School of Business Grad Walk*

If it rains, the Conferral Ceremony will be in the Diamonstein Concert Hall and the Grad Walk will be in the Freeman Center Field House.

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
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