



Graduate Commencement Rehearsal

May 2026

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TRAVELER

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND OVERVIEW



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CEREMONIES

- **Saturday, May 16**
4:30 PM: Baccalaureate Mass (all graduates)
- **Sunday, May 17**
10 AM: Graduate Ceremony
2 PM: Undergraduate Ceremony

Baccalaureate Liturgy

Saturday, May 16, 2026

4:30 PM

Villa Maria House of Studies

No tickets are required.

All are welcome!

Graduates, please wear academic attire.

Graduate Check-In: GRADUATE Ceremony

Check-in at the Large Gym - Alumnae Hall

- Check-in starting at **8:30 AM**
- Line up begins **9:35 AM**
- Procession begins at approximately **9:50 AM**

***PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME!**

Students who arrive AFTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROCESSION BEGINS will be asked to wait and then be guided to their appropriate seat by an usher to avoid disruption of ceremony.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DETAILS



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Academic Attire

Purchase at Campus Store	Good Counsel Terrace 484-323-3910
Hours	Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 5 PM Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Campus Store - main page: <https://immaculata.bkstr.com/>
(click on “Shop By” and then “Graduation”)

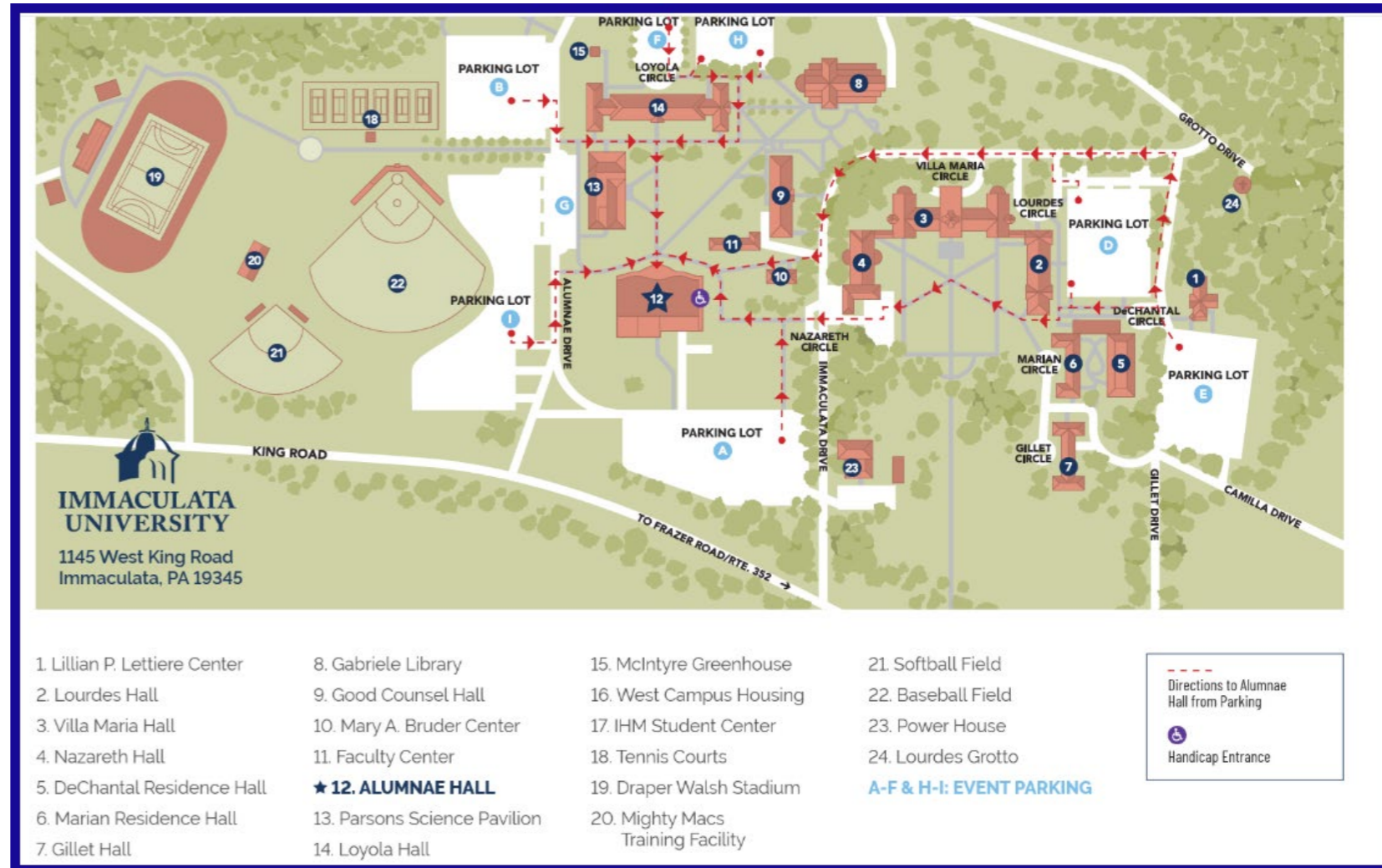
or go directly to:
[Campus Store Link for Regalia](#)

Parking & Arriving at Campus

All campus parking lots will be open for parking except for LOT G (passenger drop off point ONLY).

NO parking along roads or on grass!

- Use Alumnae Drive to access the Passenger Drop Off location (Lot G) as well as the parking lots closest to Alumnae Hall, the site of the Commencement ceremony.
- Use Immaculata Drive ONLY to access Parking Lot A from the east end of the parking lot.
- Use Gillet Drive to access Parking Lots D and E on the east side of campus.



Special Assistance & Emergencies



Those students and/or guests who will need special accommodations at the commencement ceremony, **should reach out to the One Card office (see website):**

<https://www.immaculata.edu/campus-life/campus-safety-protection/one-card/>

In case of an emergency, Student Health Services Nurses and East Whiteland Fire Company EMTs will be in the Alumnae Hall Lobby.

If a fire alarm or other emergency requires evacuation:

- Exit through the nearest available side door of the Theater.
- Then leave the building through the nearest safe exit.

Account Holds

Holds must be cleared by noon on Thursday, May 14th to ensure that you may pick up tickets.

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Financially-cleared graduate students may pick up tickets in Villa Maria Hall, Room 115 (first floor, across from the Board Room, near the Rotunda).

EVENING

- 3:30 -7 PM on Monday, May 4.

DAYTIME

- 8 AM to 4:30 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13-14.

DO NOT LOSE YOUR TICKETS - THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED!

DAY OF COMMENCEMENT, students may pick up tickets outside the Alumnae Hall large gym before their ceremony. Tickets will be available starting at check in time.

- **ONLY Graduating Students may pick up tickets.**
- **Graduates may leave tickets for family members at the Will Call booth.**

Alumnae Hall Theater

ALL GUESTS, including children of any age, *must* have tickets to sit in the theater.

NO Exceptions.

No balloons allowed in Alumnae Hall Theater.

Theater doors open for guests at 8:45 AM.
Enter only through main doors.

Decorum: all graduates and guests are expected to maintain decorum throughout the ceremony.

Viewing Areas & Video Streaming

Loyola Hall Viewing Area

Immaculata provides viewing stations for each ceremony in Loyola Hall.

- Room 127 and first floor classrooms
- No tickets required
- IU personnel on hand for questions
- Convenient to quad for meeting up after the ceremony

Video Streaming

If someone is unable to attend the ceremony on campus, they will be able to view a livestream of the events.

The livestream will be available from the immaculata.edu homepage, under the Featured News heading.



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ALL Graduates – Receiving Diplomas/Awards



Extend RIGHT hand
to greet President



Accept diploma with LEFT hand

NOTE: Only Graduates may process across stage.

Doctoral Students ONLY– Hooding Ceremony



Doctoral candidate approaches stage with hood over right arm, colored velvet trim closest to wrist.



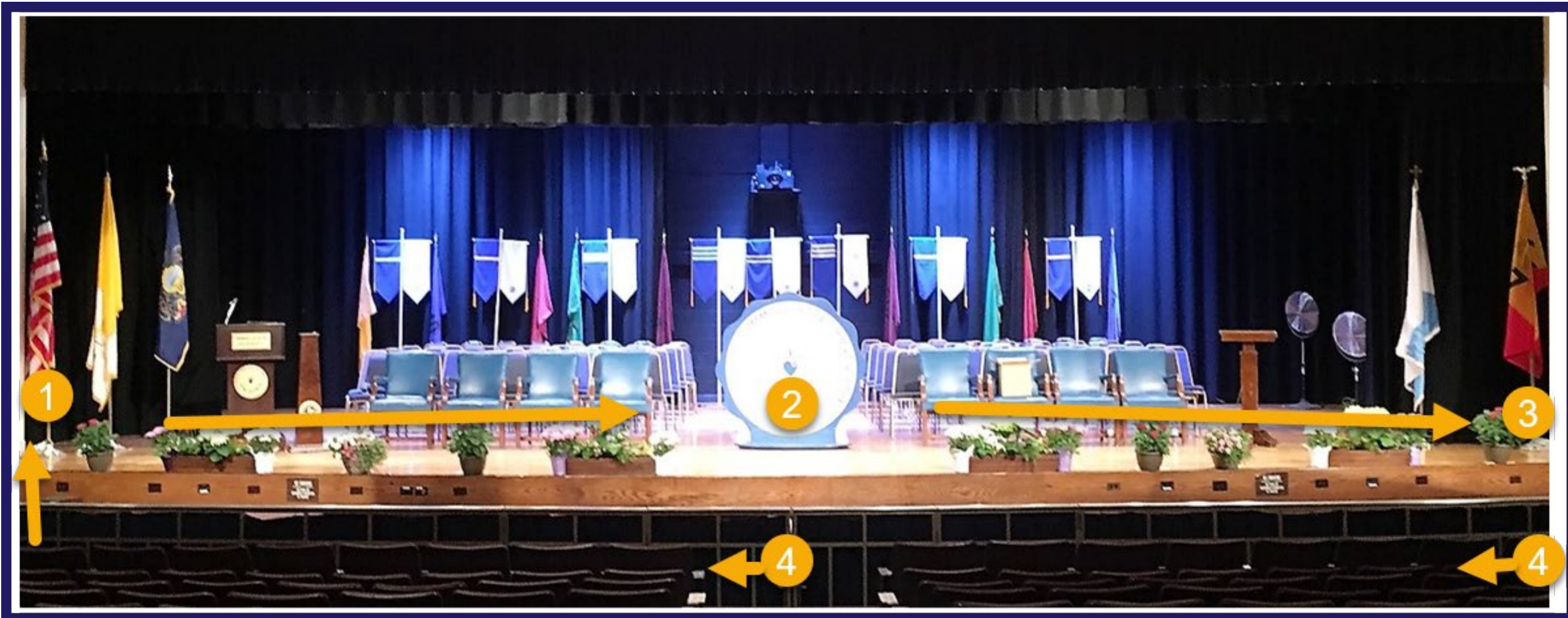
Candidate moves to center stage, hands hood to VPAA, opening hood so that velvet and tip faces graduate.



Candidate faces audience and crouches so that VPAA/Graduate Dean can place hood.

Once hooded, Doctoral Candidate continues across stage to receive diploma from President Lettiere.

Stage Procession - Directions



1. As guided (by row), exit row of seats on LEFT and approach left side of stage.
2. Receive diploma
3. When leaving stage, pause for picture.
4. Return to seats from the RIGHT side of your row.

Diploma Pick Up

Return to the large gym after the ceremony.

Diplomas will be issued only for academically/financially cleared graduates who haven't received theirs yet (e.g., May grads).

If you already have your diploma (August/December graduates), please drop your empty cover in the labeled boxes.

Your Opinion Matters

Please take a few minutes to complete the **IU Graduating Student Survey**.

Check your Immaculata e-mail account for the survey link. If you have any questions, please contact Cecelia Oswald at coswald@immaculata.edu or 484-323-3183.

Please complete your survey by May 31, 2026, to be entered to win an Immaculata diploma frame!

Thank you!





Celebrate!



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