

IMPORTANT COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

**Most importantly, before we tell you anything else:
please celebrate with special care for yourself and your classmates.**

DO safely enjoy your final days as an undergraduate at Dartmouth.

DO remember: intoxicated students may be denied permission to process with the class.

DON'T risk your health or safety; injuries during Senior Week can limit your ability to participate in the celebrations.

DON'T carry alcohol during Class Day or Commencement – it is simply not permitted and will be confiscated.

DON'T FORGET: You are subject to Dartmouth's Community Standards of Conduct until the Commencement ceremony has ended.

What about my ACADEMIC REGALIA?



Caps and gowns ("regalia") will be on sale for **\$27 (cash only)** in the **Hop Garage in the Hopkins Center** (across from Courtyard Café) **Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

If you **pre-ordered** your cap and gown online, you must pick-up your regalia in the **Hop Garage in the Hopkins Center** (across from Courtyard Café) **Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Caps and gowns are worn with appropriate attire during the Commencement ceremony on Sunday (not on Class Day).

How do I find my MARCH ORDER NUMBER?

Since Seniors march in alphabetical order, march order lists with the number assigned to each graduate will be posted on **Friday after 10:00 a.m. in Berry Main Street, Baker-Berry Library.** You can also find your March Order number in **DartHub** on **Friday after 10:00 a.m.** – look for the "March Order Number" tile!

Why would I not receive a diploma when they are distributed in Baker Main Hall?

- If you have **unresolved obligations**, you will not receive a diploma when they are distributed in Baker Main Hall.
- See the [Pre-Commencement Obligations Memo](#) on the [Undergraduate Deans Office](#) website.
- If you do not receive a diploma: contact the office with which you have an unresolved obligation. **Once you have resolved that obligation**, if you are still on campus, you can pick up your diploma at the **Undergraduate Deans Office (Carson 125)** with your photo ID (**8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday**). Otherwise, your diploma will be mailed to you.
- If you were a **summer 2018, fall 2018, or winter 2019 graduate** and are participating now but **already received your diploma**, do not go to Diploma Distribution in Baker Main Hall following the Commencement ceremony.

CLASS DAY

CLASS DAY – Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. in Leede Arena

This is a **mandatory rehearsal** for Commencement and is for **STUDENTS only**.

DO be in Leede Arena by **9 a.m.**

What happens? You will be seated according to the March Order and will receive instructions for Class Day and Commencement. The "Readers" (students who read the names of graduates and participants as they come onstage) will seek out students to confirm or clarify pronunciation, **if needed.**

Following the rehearsal and Commencement instructions, students proceed in ceremonial order to the Bema for Class Day.

DON'T wear your cap and gown – you only need those on Sunday.

DO wear comfy shoes – we're going to the Bema and you will be walking on gravel and grass.

DO plan to sit on the ground – the Seniors sit within a circle of evergreen boughs on the ground in front of the stage.

DO listen to the speakers you have selected – they will be great! And **DO** clap for the award recipients!

DO invite your families and guests; tell them where the Bema is and that they most likely will not be able to park nearby. Encourage them to be seated in the Bema before 10 a.m. if they want to see the Seniors arrive.



Where can I find information and updates?

- www.dartmouth.edu/~commence/
- (603) 646-8181 (recorded message on Commencement weekend) Please note: this number will not accept messages.
- **For Class Day:** In case of rain or uncertain weather, students will move from Leede Arena to an indoor Class Day ceremony in Leverone Field House. We will announce this change online and via Class Council.

COMMENCEMENT

COMMENCEMENT – Sunday, June 9, 8:15 a.m. in Leede Arena

DO be in Leede Arena by **8:15 a.m.** MEMORIZE THIS TIME & DON'T BE LATE. *STUDENTS ONLY – no guests.*

Be advised: Doors will be closed promptly at 8:30 a.m. so that we can prepare the final March Order. Any student arriving after 8:30 a.m. will march at the end of the procession.

DO wear your cap, gown, and tassel and **DO** put your tassel on the RIGHT SIDE of your cap.

DO bring your **ID**; you will need it for Diploma Distribution in Baker Main Hall following the ceremony.

DON'T bring extra stuff beyond your water bottle and ID – there's no place to put it!

DO pay attention to the Marshals – they are **YOUR LEADERS!** They will lead you, in line, to the Dartmouth Green, let you know where to sit, and tell you when it's time for your row to move to the stage to have your name read and receive the congratulations of the President and Dean of the College or Dean of Faculty.

DO acknowledge, wave, and say "hello" and "thank you" to the Academic Procession as it moves through the "Gauntlet" you will form on the Green.

DON'T leave the line or your seat to use the restroom until the Head Marshal has seated the class.

DO get up and get water from the water coolers on the Green, but wait until that same point – after the Head Marshal seats the class once all students are at their chairs on the Green.

DO shake the hand of the Dean on your side of the stage after you hand your March Order card to the Reader. Then make sure you shake the President's hand at the center, above the ramp, before you leave the stage.

DO recess all the way to the back of the Green at the end of the ceremony – don't stop!

DO go to **Baker Main Hall** for **Diploma Distribution** immediately following the ceremony.

DO designate a meeting point somewhere off the Green so you can easily find your guests at the conclusion of the ceremony, or after you receive your diploma in Baker Main Hall. Your guests will be part of an audience of up to 10,000 people! Pick a spot where your guests can find you after the recessional, or following Diploma Distribution:

- Baker Lawn is great but get specific!
- Parents, guardians, families, and guests will **not** be allowed to join you in Baker Main Hall for Diploma Distribution. Make sure you designate a spot to meet them once you exit Baker, so that you can celebrate your diploma.
- If your **last name begins with the letters A – K**, you will exit Baker on the WEST side (by Tuck Drive). Good meeting spots are the Blunt porch and the lawn next to Tuck Drive, the benches outside of Sanborn, or the "colonnade" between Sanborn and the 1902 Room.
- If your **last name begins with the letters L – Z**, you will exit Baker on the EAST side (across from Wheeler). Good meeting spots on that side are the lawn at Dartmouth or Wentworth Halls, the front steps of Rauner, the lawn in front of Rollins, or the garden next to Wheeler.

We highly recommend the following:

- Bring an umbrella if there will be **heavy** rain. We **will** process in the rain!
- Wear sunscreen – you'll be in the sun for over two hours.
- Do not wear new shoes or excessively high heels. (There will be a lot of standing, and walking on the street, grass, and gravel.)

Thank you for your cooperation. Congratulations and best wishes!