



The 99th *Commencement*

XAVIER UNIVERSITY *of* LOUISIANA
INFORMATION FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES

*** MANDATORY PARTICIPATION ***

INFORMATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 4TH

ROLL CALL/INFORMATION SESSION

9:00 a.m. **Undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences**

11:00 a.m. **College of Pharmacy and PA Programs**
(Convocation Center)

6:00 p.m. **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences • (Library)**

Roll Call is the official public announcement of Graduates and review of Commencement line-up and procedures. The Official Roll Call of Degree Candidates will begin at 9:00 a.m. for CAS - Undergraduate, 11:00 a.m. Pharmacy and PA Program, 6:00 p.m., CAS - Graduate.

Admission Tickets: Each graduate for the College of Arts & Sciences will receive 6 tickets and College of Pharmacy & Graduate Programs will receive 8 tickets. All graduates must attend Baccalaureate Mass/Honors & Awards. Graduates who attend Baccalaureate will receive an additional 4 tickets for their respective commencement ceremony.

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

BACCALAUREATE MASS/ UNIVERSITY HONORS AND AWARDS

4:00 p.m. • Convocation Center

- Graduates assemble at 3:00 p.m. in the Convocation Center Annex Building.
- Prospective Bachelor of Science graduates should report to Room 111 of the Convocation Center Annex. Bachelor of Arts, Music, Graduate Programs and Pharm.D. graduates should report to the 2nd Floor of the Convocation Center Annex
- Graduates wear cap and gown, no hood.
- Procession begins promptly at 4:00 p.m. from the Convocation Annex Building to the Convocation Center.
- University Honors and Awards to Graduates will immediately follow Baccalaureate Mass.

RECEPTION FOR CANDIDATES AND FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER HONORS CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

COMMENCEMENT

8:00 a.m. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and College of Pharmacy

1:00 p.m. Undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences

Graduates are expected to assemble one hour prior to the beginning of each ceremony. Specific details and assembly locations, will be shared shortly.

For updates and hotel information, please visit the Commencement website: <https://campustravel.com/university/xavier-university-of-louisiana/>

COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

REGALIA ORDERS

For last minute emergencies, there will be a limited number of caps, gowns and hoods available. Also, Xavier KENTE cloth stoles are available in Student Affairs, University Center – Rm. 305B for \$40 respectively.

CAP AND GOWN PICTURES

Contact Candid Campus - (504) 366-0607

CLASS RINGS

More info on Class Rings at Jostens: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1068097/Xavier-University/>

DIPLOMAS

DIPLOMAS are awarded at the Commencement Exercises to those who have satisfied ALL requirements for the degree and whose fiscal accounts are clear. Please confirm name change, spelling, etc. with the Office of the University Registrar. If you completed your work last summer or fall and are now out of town, or if for other grave reasons you will be unable to be present for the Commencement Exercises, you must request permission to receive your degree in absentia. Submit your degree application to the Office of the Registrar. (\$124.00 graduation fee will be assessed for CAS graduates & masters, and a \$153.00 fee will be assessed for COP/ Ed.D graduates).

If you are not participating in commencement, submit a “Letter of Absentia” along with a fee of \$34.00 to your College Dean’s Office immediately. In absentia, graduates are ineligible to receive Admission Tickets.

COMMENCEMENT ENTRANCE/ACCESS

Commencement Entrance and seating for the general public at the Convocation Center will be on a first-come, first-served basis. **ALL GUESTS MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER.** Doors open at 7 a.m. for the 8 a.m. ceremony and 11 a.m. for the 1 p.m. ceremony.

At the completion of the Commencement ceremony, guests are directed to meet graduates outside of the entrance to the Convocation Center. ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO WAIT OUTSIDE IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION. THANK YOU!

PARKING

- Parking is available on campus parking lots except Faculty Lot C and any 24 hour reserved spaces.
- A shuttle will be provided from south campus to Convocation Center.

Note: You may be sent other important information through the U.S. mail. Please check Banner Web and verify that the Registrar’s office has your current local and permanent mailing addresses, phone numbers and parent contact information.

COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

CLEAR BAG POLICY

The following bags are allowed:

- Bags that are clear plastic
- Vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" with or without a handle or strap
- Diaper bags must also comply with the clear bag policy

All bags are subject to inspection prior to entering the Convocation Academic Center.

Items not allowed at the Convocation Academic Center cannot be carried in. Special consideration may be given to parents with infants and those with medical needs.

- Prohibited items include:
 - Strollers
 - Infant carrier seats
 - Silly string
 - Confetti and balloons
 - Air horns
 - Backpacks

XULA CLEAR BAG POLICY

The following policies apply to all events hosted in the Xavier University of Louisiana Convocation Academic Center:

APPROVED ITEMS



Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"

Diaper bags must also comply with the clear bag policy.



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PROHIBITED ITEMS



Strollers and infant carriers



Backpacks



Silly string, confetti and balloons



Air horns



Second-line bands



Weapons

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Any illegal items, or weapons (knives, firearms, objects that could be used as weapons), will be confiscated by security and handed over to local authorities. Second-line bands are prohibited from performing inside the facility or University grounds unless approved by the University.

Police detail and the University Events Team will continuously monitor the event and event attendees. Anyone engaging in a verbal altercation will be required by police detail to exit the event and Xavier grounds immediately. In the event of a physical altercation, police officers will immediately intervene and apprehend all participating parties. Events can be prematurely ended at the discretion of XUPD.

Xavier University of Louisiana is not responsible for items inadvertently left in the facility, theft, damage or loss of vehicle, including articles left within.



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