

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2025

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 15

5 – 7 p.m.

Senior Festival

KLARC U & Sojka Lawn

Graduates are invited to join us for the annual Senior Festival featuring free food trucks, lawn games, giveaways, caricature artist, and music.

TICKET PICKUP

Friday : 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Pre-purchased tickets for the **Graduates Grill** (\$26/person) and **Farewell Luncheon** (\$19/person) may be picked up in the Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor Lobby.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Senior Survey, Cap and Gown Pickup

Elaine Langone Center, Terrace Room

After completing the Postgraduate Survey, graduates will receive their caps and gowns, indoor rain tickets, and other important graduation information. Caps and gowns must be picked up by the graduating student only. This cannot be completed by a designee.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pre-purchased Ticket Pickup – Graduates Grill and Farewell Luncheon

Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor Lobby

2:15 p.m.

Jum'ah Prayer

Muslim Community Space, Davis Hall, South Campus Apartments, Building 2

3:30 p.m.

Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony

Holmes Hall, Hislop Family Auditorium

The ceremony will induct new members into the oldest honorary society in the United States. A reception will immediately follow in the main lobby of Holmes Hall.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

10 a.m.

POSSE Ceremony (by invitation only)

Vaughan Literature Building, Trout Auditorium

The ceremony will celebrate student leaders in the POSSE Scholars Program.

10 a.m. – noon

Senior Survey, Cap and Gown Pickup

Elaine Langone Center, Terrace Room

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Pre-purchased Ticket Pickup – Graduates Grill and Farewell Luncheon

Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor Lobby

1 – 3 p.m.

College Receptions

(open to graduating students and their guests)

College of Arts & Sciences – Sojka Lawn

(rain location – Sojka Pavilion)

College of Engineering – Lawn between Academic East and Academic West

(rain location – Academic East and Academic West)

Freeman College of Management – Holmes Hall Patio

(rain location – Holmes Hall)

3 – 4 p.m.

Alumni Families Reception (by invitation only)

Hildreth-Mirza Hall, Great Room

The Alumni Families Reception is an opportunity to celebrate the Bucknell legacy. Class of 2025 legacy students and their families will gather for an informal mix and mingle reception with President John Bravman.

4 p.m.

Bucknell Community College Scholars Ceremony (by invitation only)

Vaughan Literature Building, Trout Auditorium

The Bucknell Community College Scholars Program will celebrate the accomplishments of graduating scholars.

4 p.m.

Catholic Mass

Rooke Chapel

5 – 8 p.m.

Graduates Grill

Elaine Langone Center, Bostwick Social House

This buffet dinner provides an on-campus dining option for graduates and families prior to Saturday evening activities. This meal will be served in Bostwick Social House on the first floor of the Elaine Langone Center.

Tickets may be purchased in advance on the commencement website until May 9, and are \$26/person. Pre-purchased tickets can be picked up in the Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor Lobby. A limited number of tickets will be available for onsite purchase at the dinner on Saturday.

7 p.m.

Baccalaureate

Rooke Chapel

A multi-faith and multi-cultural celebration of gratitude for the Class of 2025 featuring student and faculty speakers, performances, and selected readings; serving as a moment to reflect on and give thanks for the past four years.

Baccalaureate is open to all graduates, guests, and members of the Bucknell community.

8 p.m.

Class of 2025 Candlelighting Ceremony

Malesardi Quadrangle (rain location – Gerhard Fieldhouse)

Seniors will line the perimeter of Malesardi Quad to recreate the Candlelighting Ceremony that is part of New Student Orientation. Parents, family and friends are encouraged to attend and will be seated in the center of Malesardi Quad.

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Class of 2025 Commencement Celebration

Sojka Lawn (rain location – Sojka Pavilion)

Families, friends and members of the faculty and administrative staff are invited to join seniors and graduate students at the Commencement Celebration immediately following the Candlelighting Ceremony.

Alcohol will be served. A wrist band is required for guests planning to consume alcoholic beverages. Wristbanding for all guests ages 21 and above will be offered at the Elaine Langone Center on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the College Receptions, and near the entrance to the Class Celebration on Saturday evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

10 a.m.

Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony

Malesardi Quadrangle (rain location – Gerhard Fieldhouse)



Congratulations! GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES!

12:30 – 3 p.m.

Farewell Luncheon

Elaine Langone Center, Bostwick Social House

The luncheon provides an opportunity for family members and guests to congratulate graduates prior to departure from campus. This meal will be served in Bostwick Social House on the first floor of the Elaine Langone Center immediately following the ceremony.

Tickets may be purchased in advance on the commencement website until May 9, and are \$19/person. Pre-purchased tickets can be picked up in the Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor Lobby. A limited number of tickets will be available for onsite purchase at the luncheon on Sunday.

3 p.m.

ROTC Commissioning Ceremony (by invitation only)

Rooke Chapel

A reception will immediately follow in the tent on Sojka Lawn (end closest to Spratt House).



PARKING AND SHUTTLE INFORMATION

For a map of available campus parking and shuttle stops, visit go.bucknell.edu/commencement-map

Shuttles will run on a continuous loop from all parking lots as follows:

Saturday, May 17, 1 – 11 p.m.

Sunday, May 18, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



See also:

bucknell.edu/directions



Accessible Drop-off

Drop-off for those with physical limitations and disabilities is located in front of Marts Hall on Dent Drive.

PARKING TIPS

- Due to very high traffic volume and street closures, parking can be challenging during Commencement weekend. We ask that you plan your arrival accordingly.
- The borough's parking laws and emergency no-parking spaces are in effect during Commencement weekend. Cars that fail to follow borough signage will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Remember to lock your car, whether it is on the street or in a lot.



ACCESSIBLE SEATING

Wheelchairs and Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- Seating arrangements are available on a limited basis for individuals using a wheelchair or who are deaf or hard of hearing. Each guest in this area may be accompanied by one additional guest.
- Alternative indoor viewing areas will be available in the Vaughan Literature Building and Coleman Hall.



SERVICE ANIMALS

No animals, except trained service animals, are permitted in University buildings, on the KLARC U and Sojka lawns, or on Malesardi Quadrangle during the weekend. More information can be found by visiting bucknell.edu/accessibility.



PHOTOGRAPHY INFORMATION

Family members are encouraged to remain seated and enjoy the ceremony. A photography team from Island Photography will be at the ceremony to take a candid photograph of each graduate at the special moment of recognition as they cross the stage.

Information will be sent to each graduate following the ceremony about how to order these photos directly from Island Photography.



SEVERE WEATHER

- If severe weather is likely, including thunderstorms with lightning, high winds, heavy or prolonged rain, or extreme heat, the ceremony may be held in Gerhard Fieldhouse or delayed up to two hours, then remain outdoors as planned.
- Graduating students will receive five tickets each for the indoor ceremony when they check-in.
- Guests who do not have tickets may view the ceremony by live webcast at one of these locations:
 - Coleman Hall Designated Classrooms
 - Coleman Hall, Harvey Powers Theatre
 - Elaine Langone Center, Forum, 272
 - Vaughan Literature Building, Trout Auditorium
 - Weis Center for the Performing Arts
- The decision to delay or move the ceremony will be made by 6:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.
- If the ceremony is delayed or moved to the indoor location, an announcement will be sent through campus email notification. You may also call 570-577-2000 for updates.
- Visit bucknell.edu/commencement for additional details.



DINING OPTIONS

The Bison snack bar, located on the ground floor of the Elaine Langone Center, will be open for refreshments and light meals.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.