

Commencement Notes...

Guests with Special Needs

We are happy to assist your guests with special-needs seating. We can reserve a maximum of five seats for your guests. Please contact us in advance by filling out our Commencement RSVP form with your guest's special needs. This form is on our Registrar/Graduation webpage. You may also email SNSC@daemen.edu to discuss necessary accommodations including wheelchair accessibility to Kleinhans Music Hall.

Gifts, Flowers, and Alcohol

- Flowers and presents should be given to graduates after the Commencement ceremony. The graduates need both hands free when they are on stage (lapel corsages are permissible). NOTE: The Daemen Bookstore will be on site at Kleinhans selling flowers and other items.
- Alcohol is not permitted at Commencement.
- Firearms are not permitted in Kleinhans Music Hall.

Photos & Portraits

Families may photograph graduates from their seats, or at a designated photo area located at front left of the auditorium, as you face the stage. No one will be permitted in the aisles or areas near the stage. Island Photography will be taking several photos of each graduate at Commencement. These photos will be made available for purchase to graduates and families several weeks after graduation.

Website: www.islandphoto.com

Customer Service # 1-800-869-0908

Email: cheryl@islandphoto.com

Rehearsal

Graduation Rehearsal on Friday, May 17 takes place in Wick Center Dining Room at Daemen College and is **mandatory** for all graduation **UNDERGRADUATE** students. (You do not need academic attire for Rehearsal.) It starts promptly at 11:00am. A Graduation Mini-Rehearsal is available for graduating **GRADUATE** students if you have concerns about the pronunciation of your name, if you have any questions about your diploma, and/or academic related inquiries. The Mini-Rehearsal for Graduate students beings at 12:30pm.

Mortarboard Caps

Those who wish to pin their caps to their heads using hair pins, so they do not fall off when marching into Kleinhans Music Hall, or while crossing the stage, may do so. Men will be required to remove their caps during the playing of the National Anthems.

Carrying the Hood

The hood is carried on the left arm with the colored band near the wrist, and the pointed end of the hood laying out, away from the body. After accepting the diploma cover from the President and shaking his hand, you will transfer the cover to your right hand and present your hood to the person who will place it over your head.

Moving Your Tassel

Near the end of the ceremony, the Dean of the College will direct all the graduates to move their tassels from the right to the left-hand side of the mortarboard.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be available for pick up on the Daemen Campus in the Registrar's office in mid-June. Diplomas that are not picked up will be mailed to the address the student indicated on their Application for Degree form.

Don't Be Late!

Undergraduate Commencement begins at precisely 12:00pm; graduates need to be in the Mary Seton Room of Kleinhans NO LATER than 11:00am.

Graduate Commencement begins at precisely 4:30pm; graduates need to be in the Mary Seton Room of Kelnhans NO LATER than 3:30pm.

Parking

There is a \$10 (cash only) fee for parking in the Kleinhans Parking lot, and spaces are limited. Parking is also permitted on many adjacent streets.