

 ST. OLAF COLLEGE



CLASS
OF 2024

***SENIOR DAYS &
COMMENCEMENT***

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MAY 21

TOWER SIGNING

9 A.M.–12 P.M. / 1–5 P.M. | *Old Main Tower*

NIGHT AT THE GRAND*

8:30 P.M.–12:30 A.M. | *Grand Event Center*



*Ticket Purchase Required**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

TOWER SIGNING

9 A.M.–12 P.M. / 1–5 P.M. | *Old Main Tower*

COFFEE BAR AND BREAKFAST TREATS

9–11 A.M. | *Buntrock Commons Plaza*

CAMPUS GOLF

10 A.M.–1 P.M. | *Kelsey Theater*

WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

4–7 P.M. | *The Quad*

SENIOR SUNSET

8–9:30 P.M. | *Skoglund Hill*

THURSDAY, MAY 23

TOWER SIGNING

9 A.M.–12 P.M. / 1–5 P.M. | *Old Main Tower*

Repeats one last time on Friday, May 24

GOOSECHASE SCAVENGER HUNT

10 A.M.–5 P.M. | *Buntrock Commons Plaza*

LAST LECTURE AND PARTING WORDS

11 A.M.–12 P.M. | *Boe Chapel*

SENIOR CARNIVAL

1–5 P.M. | *Thorson Green*

MOVIE NIGHT

9–11:30 P.M. | *The Quad*

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2024

May 24–25

The 2024 Commencement Ceremony will take place on the Campus Green between Mellby and Tomson halls. We hope you will join us for the wide variety of events — including a concert, meals, and other gatherings — that will be held on the Hill in conjunction with graduation.



FRIDAY, MAY 24

9 A.M.-12 P.M.

Tower Signing

Old Main Tower

2-4:30 P.M.

Celebration Concert

With the St. Olaf Band, St. Olaf Choir,
and St. Olaf Orchestra

Skoglund Center, Auditorium

This combined concert provides an opportunity to celebrate the musical talents of the St. Olaf Band, St. Olaf Choir, and St. Olaf Orchestra, as well as the outgoing seniors in these ensembles. This event is free and open to the public.



6-8:30 P.M.

Illumination Social

Tickets: \$35/person

Buntrock Commons

The Illumination Social will be held throughout Buntrock Commons for graduating seniors and their guests. This dinner reception showcases some of St. Olaf's most requested menu items. Come when you can, leave when you must. Tickets are required for all guests, including graduating and current students. Ole Cards are not valid for this meal. Attire for this event is casual, and St. Olaf branded apparel is welcomed.



9 P.M.

Illumination Ceremony

Mellby Lawn

This annual ceremony honors our graduates as they transition to become a member of the St. Olaf alumni community. The class lanterns are placed on the Campus Green on Friday, and we encourage students to locate their personalized lantern sometime during the day, leaving it in place until after the ceremony. At the end of the evening's program, students should take their lantern as a remembrance of their time on the Hill. This event is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

7:30-9 A.M.

Breakfast

Pay at the door

Buntrock Commons, Stav Hall

9-10 A.M.

Baccalaureate

Skoglund Center, Auditorium

Graduating seniors and their families and friends are invited to gather to worship and give thanks for the life and the community that was shared by the graduating class. This capstone worship service is led by the campus pastors and also the St. Olaf Band and the St. Olaf Choir. The decision to hold Commencement on the Campus Green or inside Skoglund is announced at Baccalaureate. This event is free and open to the public.

9 A.M.-12 P.M.

Brunch

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$12.50 children (6-12), free for children 5 and under.

Buntrock Commons, Stav Hall

Enjoy brunch with family, friends, and students. Tickets may be purchased through the online registration process. There is no charge for graduating seniors or current students with an active meal plan. If your current student (non-senior) is planning to attend this brunch and is not under an active meal plan, please select “Adult” when registering this student for brunch online.



10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Academic Department Receptions

Locations across campus

Graduating seniors, family members, and guests are invited to meet and celebrate with faculty and staff across campus.

12 P.M.

Senior Lineup

Tostrud Center, Lower Level

Graduating seniors should arrive promptly in cap and gown with tassel to line up and prepare for the Commencement Ceremony.

1 P.M.

Commencement Ceremony

*Campus Green (outdoor)
or Skoglund (indoor)*

Commencement is scheduled to be outdoors on the Campus Green between Mellby and Tomson halls; no tickets are required for general seating in this location. In the event of severe weather or major safety hazards, Commencement will be held in Skoglund Center Auditorium, and tickets will be required. Students received three “rain tickets” at GradFest.

Accessible seating, including sign language interpreting, is available on the Campus Green and in Skoglund Center Auditorium. The Commencement ceremony will be live-streamed in Boe Chapel, Viking Theater, and Tomson 280 for guests who prefer to view the ceremony in a temperature-controlled environment. No tickets are required in broadcast locations.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Parking

Guests may park in any of the lots located on campus. Additional overflow parking is available in Skoglund and Tostrud and on St. Olaf Avenue behind New Hall. Public Safety will be on site helping to direct traffic.

Handicap Parking

Handicap parking is available in marked spaces throughout campus, with additional spaces in the parking lot between Tomson Hall and Mellby Hall.

Shuttles For Guests with Accessibility Needs

Golf cart shuttles will be available from the parking lots to locations across campus to assist those with mobility concerns. There will be shuttle pickup locations at the parking lots of Skoglund, Buntrock Commons, and behind New Hall.

Animals on Campus

We request that you do not bring any animals to the St. Olaf campus other than service animals.

Do I need a ticket?

Friday evening **Illumination Social** tickets and/or **Saturday Brunch** tickets can be picked up starting at 10 a.m. on Friday in Buntrock Commons Crossroads (ground floor).

For the outdoor Commencement Ceremony, there is no limit to the number of guests who can attend and no tickets are necessary. Each graduate has received three indoor ceremony tickets, to be used in case of inclement weather or a decision to move the ceremony indoors. The final location of the Commencement Ceremony will be announced on Saturday, May 25 at 9 a.m.

Streaming Locations

The Commencement Ceremony will be live-streamed in three indoor locations on campus for those who prefer to view with more distance and in a temperature-controlled environment.

The streaming locations are:

Boe Chapel

Tomson Hall, Room 280

Buntrock Commons, Viking Theater

ADA Seating

There will be designated seating areas available for guests with ADA needs. Upon arrival, please ask an usher to help you find the ADA seating section.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing assistance devices will be available at the tech booth at the Celebration Concert, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. Please ask an usher for directions to the tech booth.

For the sign language interpreter section, please ask an usher.

Dining

Tickets for the Friday night Illumination Social or Saturday Brunch purchased in advance may be picked up between 10 a.m. and 8 pm on Friday, or 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Additional tickets may be purchased at Buntrock Commons Crossroads (Ground Floor) at the listed times.

Food and beverage will be available for purchase in the Cage and Stav Hall, both located in Buntrock Commons. Food will be available through normal meal plans or updated dining hours for students not attending the Illumination Social on Friday night or Saturday Brunch.

Special Dietary Restrictions

All foods will be labeled and will indicate if the item is gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, contains nuts, etc. If you made a specific request in your ticket purchase (e.g., kosher), please ask one of the servers to connect you to a Bon Appetit supervisor, and they can assist with getting you the proper meal.

More FAQs

Please reference the FAQs on the Commencement website for additional information.

We look forward to helping you celebrate this important milestone for your graduate. Please send all questions to events@stolaf.edu.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

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