



University of Redlands

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College of Arts and Sciences

April 20–22, 2017



Message from President Ralph W. Kuncel

Dear Class of 2017:

Congratulations on your achievement!

Together with the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the entire University community, I look forward to honoring your academic accomplishments during Commencement weekend events, April 20-22, 2017.

Understand, though, that Commencement marks the beginning not the ending. Commencement is the culminating celebration of your years of effort at Redlands. Yet it is more than a singular moment. It is a centuries-old tradition that signifies a graduate's readiness for a new beginning. The Latin motto, *Sapere Aude*, adopted as a pithy summation of the 17th century Age of Enlightenment, communicates this idea well. With this phrase—which translates as “Dare to know”—the poet Horace lifted up the idea that all knowledge and wisdom requires human effort, saying, “He who is begun is half done. Dare to know!” These years have challenged you in a multitude of ways to better know yourself, our culture and our world. By attaining this degree you have made a contemporary and public claim on this dare to know. Commencement is only the beginning of your journey to wisdom.

Commencement itself is an inspiring pageant and a special day you will long remember. On April 22, you will take part in the 108th Commencement ceremony of the University of Redlands, joining your peers and future alumni in the outdoor beauty of the historic Alumni Greek Theatre.

I look forward to sharing this momentous day with you and your families.

With anticipation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph W. Kuncel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ralph W. Kuncel
President



College of Arts & Sciences Commencement Schedule Overview

Please note: For the comfort of all our guests, no smoking or pets are allowed at any event, whether indoors or outside.

February 15-16, 2017

Graduation Fair 11 a.m. –5 p.m.
University Bookstore

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Lavender Recognition Ceremony 3 p.m.
Casa Loma Room

Friday, April 21, 2017

Senior Honors Convocation 9:30 a.m.
Memorial Chapel

Medallion Ceremony for Legacy Graduates 2:30 p.m.
Alumni House West Lawn

Baccalaureate 5 p.m.
Memorial Chapel
Meet at Hall of Letters North Lawn for processional line-up at 4:30 p.m.

Senior Dinner 6 p.m.
Gallery Lawn

Students of Color Recognition Ceremony 8:30 p.m.
Memorial Chapel

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Commencement Ceremony 9 a.m.
Alumni Greek Theatre
Meet at East Lawn (Quad) for check-in and processional line-up at 8 a.m.

Johnston Center Commencement Ceremony 1 p.m.
Bekins Lawn

Make it memorable

Cap and gown and graduation announcements

Caps, gowns, announcements and accessories may be purchased from the University Bookstore during the Graduation Fair scheduled February 15 and 16 on campus or through Balfour at www.cbgrad.com or at 800-433-0296. Two weeks are required to receive personalized invitations; please plan your request accordingly. Please contact the University Bookstore at 909-748-8950 with any questions.

Class rings

Class rings will be displayed in the University Bookstore. You can also view the rings online at www.balfour.com.

Commencement flowers

Your family and friends can commemorate this special occasion with a bouquet of flowers or a lei available for pre-order or day-of purchase at the Graduation Day Flowers booth. Parents and guests are encouraged to pre-order and pick-up prior to the ceremony to ensure that students can wear their leis across the stage for their photos. Pre-ordering is available at graduationdayflowers.com/redlands. A percentage of the proceeds will be returned to the University of Redlands.

Grad Images professional photographer

A professional photographer will be at the Commencement ceremony. Each student will receive proofs and order forms by email directly from Grad Images within 72 hours after the ceremony. You may place orders or obtain answers to questions at www.gradimages.com or by calling 800-261-2576. A percentage of the proceeds goes back to the University of Redlands.

Commencement DVD

A polished version of the live video is yours to cherish for years to come on DVD or digital download. DVDs arrive in attractive University of Redlands clamshell cases, and you can also customize the case by adding a photo of your choice at no extra charge. The viewer will enjoy a close, unobstructed view of the ceremonies, including the reading of all degree candidate names as diplomas are presented. A percentage of the proceeds from every sale goes back to the University of Redlands. Pre-order video souvenir at university-of-redlands.incredevent.com.

For family and friends

Accommodations and dining

We recommend booking early as hotel and dining reservations in Redlands book up quickly for Commencement weekend; see list of dining options and local hotels at www.redlands.edu/accommodations.

Dress for Commencement

The Commencement ceremony will take place outside at the Alumni Greek Theatre. Commencement day is usually warm, and there is no shade. Comfortable, low-heeled shoes are recommended as there is a considerable distance (some unpaved) between event locations, and the Alumni Greek Theatre has limited handrails and unevenly spaced steps.

University Commons

The Irvine Commons in the Hunsaker University Center will be open for brunch from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., available for Grab and Go snacks 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and for dinner from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. For your convenience, water, soda and snacks will be available for purchase near the entrance to the Alumni Greek Theatre provided by the University's Town & Gown organization.

University Bookstore hours

The Bookstore is located in Hunsaker University Center and will be open the following hours during commencement week. On Friday, April 21, the Bookstore is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, April 22, the Bookstore is open 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lost and found

Items should be claimed from or turned in to Public Safety Office in the Willis Center.

Parking and street closures

Parking for the Commencement ceremony is available on the north side of campus. Follow the directional signs to Brockton Avenue and the designated parking areas behind Memorial Chapel, Armacost Library, Orton Center or the Stauffer Science Complex off of Grove Street. Shuttle buses will be available from these lots to the Alumni Greek Theatre. Colton Avenue, the street through the center of the campus, will be closed to through traffic. (See map on page 12.)

Disabled parking

Disabled guests are encouraged to park in any of the lots serviced by the Commencement shuttles. Please refer to the parking map on page 12 and follow directional signs on the day of Commencement. Accessible shuttles are equipped with lifts and will service all parking lots indicated to transport guests to a drop-off location near the Alumni Greek Theatre.

If you or your guest requires specialized assistance beyond what is outlined, please call the University's Facilities Management department at 909-748-8020 by **April 7**, and we will work with you to meet your needs.

Please refer family and friends to the parking map on page 12 for more information and directions to campus and the Alumni Greek Theatre.

For your planning and safety

Please follow these tips to ensure that Commencement day is enjoyable for your graduate and your family:

- Due to capacity issues, graduates are asked to limit the attendance of family and friends in the Alumni Greek Theatre for the Commencement Ceremony to six people and direct others to the Live Streaming under the tent on Gallery Lawn.
- All events during Commencement weekend, both indoors and outdoors, are non-smoking events.
- Dress appropriately for the day. Most often, it is warm and sunny and little shade is provided in the Alumni Greek Theatre. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are strongly recommended.
- The stairs in the Alumni Greek Theatre are steep with limited handrails, high-heeled shoes are discouraged.
- Strollers are not permitted in the Alumni Greek Theatre. Stroller parking is available at the back of the theatre.
- No pets are allowed in the Alumni Greek Theatre.
- Umbrellas are not permitted in the Alumni Greek Theatre because they inhibit the sightlines of surrounding guests. In the event of rain, check for updates at www.redlands.edu/commencement.
- Limited disabled seating is available at the back of the Alumni Greek Theatre for guests with special needs; one companion may accompany him or her. This may mean that families will need to separate.
- No inflatables or large signs are allowed in the Alumni Greek Theatre or the grounds surrounding the theatre.
- Aisles and entryways surrounding the Alumni Greek Theatre may not be blocked for any reason.

Questions? Email alumni@redlands.edu or call the Office of Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

Schedule of Events: April 20-22, 2017

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Thursday, April 20, 2017

Lavender Recognition Ceremony

3 p.m., Casa Loma Room

Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating LGBTQA seniors at the annual Lavender Recognition Ceremony

Friday, April 21, 2017

Senior Honors Convocation

9:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel

The Senior Honors Convocation recognizes students, faculty, staff and administrators who have risen to the top in their areas of specialty. Recipients will be notified closer to the date if they will be recognized. Join us to recognize achievements from scholar-athletes and student leaders to outstanding faculty and administrators, the "best of the best" in our University community.

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Medallion Ceremony for Legacy Graduates

2:30 p.m., Alumni House West Lawn

This ceremony—for graduates with a parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse, son or daughter who is a University of Redlands alumna or alumnus—honors family connections to Redlands. Graduates will receive a special Legacy Medallion to wear at Baccalaureate and Commencement. Reservations are required at www.redlands.edu/commencement/legacy. A separate invitation will also be sent along with registration information. For questions, call the Office of Alumni & Community Relations at 909-748-8011. If you are unable to attend the Medallion Ceremony, you may pick up your medallion at Commencement check-in.

To register by phone, or if you are not able to attend the Medallion Ceremony, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 to pick up your medallion prior to Commencement.

Baccalaureate processional line-up

4:30 p.m., Hall of Letters North Lawn

The procession to the Baccalaureate service for graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and School of Education begins at the Hall of Letters and proceeds across Colton Avenue, the Quad and into the Memorial Chapel.

Cap and gown are required for participation. Only School of Education Master's and Doctoral candidates wear hoods at this event.

Baccalaureate

5 p.m., Memorial Chapel

The procession begins promptly at 5 p.m., and the service lasts approximately one hour. Baccalaureate is an ecumenical ceremony of worship in celebration of and thanksgiving for lives dedicated to learning and wisdom. Family and friends should go directly to the Memorial Chapel. Seating is limited, so guests are advised to be seated early.

Senior Dinner

6 p.m., Gallery Lawn

This is an opportunity for graduates to gather and celebrate their accomplishments with family, friends and classmates. Seating is limited. This event is free for graduates and \$35 for other attendees. Reservations for graduates and guests are required in advance; visit www.redlands.edu/commencement/cas/dinner or call 909-748-8011. Reservation deadline is Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Students of Color Recognition Ceremony

8:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel

The Student of Color Recognition Ceremony provides the opportunity for graduates of color to celebrate in a more intimate setting. Culturally specific stoles are presented to each graduate, typically by members of their immediate families who also have the opportunity to say a few words about their graduate.

Saturday, April 22, 2017

TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ANY OF SATURDAY'S EVENTS.

Graduate Check-in for Commencement Ceremony

8 a.m., East Lawn Quad

All graduates must check-in to pick up your own name placement card and prepare for the processional line-up. The card shows your name, degree, and the numerical order in which you will line-up and process. The card is handed to a reader who will announce your name as you start across the stage.

Processional Line-up for Commencement Ceremony

8:30 a.m., East Lawn Quad

Please be prompt! Tell your family and friends that you march in the order listed in the program. You will march by academic program. The Commencement program will be on the student chairs in the Alumni Greek Theatre.

College of Arts & Sciences Commencement Ceremony

9 a.m., Alumni Greek Theatre

The procession begins promptly at 8:50 a.m., and the ceremony lasts approximately two hours. The Alumni Greek Theatre is an open-air amphitheater. Due to capacity issues, graduates are asked to limit the attendance of family and friends in the Theatre to six people and direct others to the live streaming location under the tent on the Gallery Lawn. This historic outdoor venue has very limited handicapped accessibility and no shade. It may pose challenges to guests who have difficulty walking or negotiating uneven steps. Limited ADA-accessible seating is available at the back of the Theatre for disabled guests and one companion. Guests with special needs should plan to arrive early to ensure adequate seating as space is on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating cannot be reserved, and early arrival is recommended. No strollers are allowed in the Alumni Greek Theatre.

Hooding of Master's students takes place during the Commencement Ceremony.

Students carry the hood over their left arm as they process in and walk to the stage. Once on stage, a faculty member will take the hood and place it over the head and around the shoulders as an honorary symbol of completion of the master's degree.

Johnston Center Commencement Ceremony

1 p.m., Bekins Lawn

Johnston graduates may elect to walk in the 9 a.m. College of Arts & Sciences Commencement ceremony as well as at the Johnston-specific Commencement. Please consult with your student about his or her plans. For questions, please contact Teresa Area at 909-748-8339 or at teresa_area@redlands.edu.

Parking Map

