IMPORTANT COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION
Brought to you by the Undergraduate Deans Office

COMMENCEMENT – Sunday, June 11, 8:15 a.m., in Leede Arena

DO be in Leede Arena by 8:15 a.m. MEMORIZE THIS TIME & DON’T BE LATE. STUDENTS ONLY – no guests.

Be advised: Doors will be closed promptly at 8:30 a.m. in order to prepare the final March Order. Any student arriving after 8:30 a.m. will march at the end of the procession.

DO wear your cap, gown, and tassel and DO put your tassel on the RIGHT SIDE of your cap.
DO bring your ID; you will need it for Diploma Distribution in Baker Main Hall following the ceremony.
DON’T bring extra stuff beyond your water bottle and ID – there’s no place to put it!

DO pay attention to the Marshals – they are YOUR LEADERS! They will lead you, in line, to the Dartmouth Green, let you know where to sit, and tell you when it’s time for your row to move to the stage to have your name read and receive the congratulations of the President and Dean of the College or Dean of Faculty.

DO acknowledge, wave, and say “hello” and “thank you” to the Academic Procession as it moves through the “Gauntlet” you will form on the Green.

DON’T leave the line or your seat to use the restroom until the Head Marshal has seated the class.
DO get up and get water from the water coolers on the Green, but wait until that same point – after the Head Marshal seats the class once all students are at their chairs on the Green.

DO shake the hand of the Dean on your side of the stage after you hand your March Order card to the Reader. Then make sure you shake the President’s hand at the center, above the ramp, before you leave the stage.

DO recess all the way to the back of the Green at the end of the ceremony – don’t stop!
DO go to Baker Main Hall for Diploma Distribution immediately following the ceremony.

DO designate a meeting point somewhere off the Green so you can easily find your guests at the conclusion of the ceremony, or after you receive your diploma in Baker Main Hall. Your guests will be part of an audience of up to 10,000 people! Pick a spot where your guests can find you after the recessional, or following Diploma Distribution:
- Baker Lawn is great, but get specific!
- Parents, guardians, families, and guests will not be allowed to join you in Baker Main Hall for Diploma Distribution. Make sure you designate a spot to meet them once you exit Baker, so you can celebrate your diploma.
- If your last name begins with the letters A – K, you will exit Baker on the WEST side (by Tuck Drive). Good meeting spots are the Blunt porch and the lawn next to Tuck Drive, the benches outside of Sanborn, or the “colonnade” between Sanborn and the 1902 Room.
- If your last name begins with the letters L – Z, you will exit Baker on the EAST side (across from Wheeler). Good meeting spots on that side are the lawn at Dartmouth or Wentworth Halls, the front steps of Rauner, the lawn in front of Rollins, or the garden next to Wheeler.

We highly recommend the following:
- Bring an umbrella if it looks like rain. We will process in the rain!
- Wear sunscreen – you’ll be in the sun for over two hours.
- Do not wear new shoes or excessively high heels. (There will be a lot of standing, and walking on the street, grass, and gravel.)

Fines, Holds, and Other Reasons: Why would I not receive a diploma when they are distributed in Baker Main Hall?
See www.dartmouth.edu/~upperde/seniors.
- If you have unresolved obligations, you will not receive a diploma when they are distributed in Baker Main Hall. See www.dartmouth.edu/~upperde/pdfs/pre_commence_obligations.pdf for more information.
- If you do not receive a diploma, here is what you need to do: contact the office with which you have an unresolved obligation. Once you have resolved that obligation, if you are still on campus, you can pick up your diploma at the Undergraduate Deans Office in Carson 125 with your photo ID (8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday). Otherwise, your diploma will be mailed to you.
- If you were a summer 2016, fall 2016, or winter 2017 graduate and are participating now but already received your diploma, do not go to Diploma Distribution in Baker Main Hall following the Commencement ceremony.

Thank you for your cooperation. Congratulations and best wishes!